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Garlic, onion see rise in price

BENGALURU

For the second time this year, the price of garlic has touched ₹350-₹400 per kg in wholesale markets and around ₹400-₹500 in retail. Its price went up by ₹60 per kg in the last week. The price of onions has gone up by ₹10-₹15 per kg, even in wholesale markets. » PAGE 4

Bengal bandh disrupts life as Trinamool takes on BJP

Several BJP leaders detained for trying to halt transport facilities and forcibly shut establishments; Trinamool supporters were out on streets trying to foil the bandh call of the Opposition party

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Life was paralysed in various parts of West Bengal on Wednesday due to a 12-hour bandh called by the Bharatiya Janata Party to protest against alleged police excesses on protesters during the march to the State Secretariat on Tuesday.

The BJP supporters sat on railway tracks at several places, throwing suburban train services out of gear. Party workers blocked major arterial routes disrupting movement of vehicles.

While the culture of bandhs, the hallmark of the Left Front regime and used extensively by the Trinamool Congress when it was in the Opposition, is no more prevalent in the State, the strike witnessed violence between those for and against it.

Trinamool supporters were out on the streets in Kolkata and other parts of the State trying to foil the bandh call. Violence broke out when BJP and Trinamool workers came face to face. In North Kolkata, BJP leader Sajal Ghosh and Trinamool supporters clashed. Several BJP leaders were detained by the Kolkata Police for trying to halt transport facilities and forcibly shut commercial establishments. BJP MLA Sankar Ghosh was seen asking passengers to get off a bus while holding a placard demanding justice for the doctor who was raped and murdered at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital. BJP leader Arjun Singh was seen arguing with Trinamool supporters when the police intervened.

In Bhatpara, bullets were fired at the vehicle of a BJP leader. Two people sustained injuries in the attack that was caught on camera. There was violence in Durgapur and Asansol.

Major tussle: A BJP supporter in a scuffle with a policeman during the bandh in Kolkata on Wednesday. ANI

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Counter mindset that sees women as less capable: Murmu

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Declaring that "enough is enough", President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday said it was time for India to wake up to the "perversion" of crimes against women and counter the mindset that saw women as "less powerful, less capable, less intelligent".

"Those who share such views then go further and see the female as an object... We owe it to our daughters to remove the hurdles from their path of winning the freedom from fear," she said in an exclusive article for *PTI*.

Referring to the August 9 rape and murder of a junior doctor at a Kolkata hospital, the President said what was even more depressing was that it was part of a series of crimes against women.

Droupadi Murmu

Ms. Murmu said no civilised society could allow daughters and sisters to be subjected to such atrocities. "The nation is bound to be outraged, and so am I," she wrote.

The article titled "Women's Safety: Enough is Enough" is the first time she has articulated her views on the incident.

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Petitions on CM, Dy. CM before High Court today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a rare coincidence, the High Court of Karnataka will on Thursday witness two separate proceedings on petitions related to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

A Division Bench will pronounce its verdict on the petition filed by CBI, which challenged the State government's November 28, 2023, order of withdrawing consent granted to it on September 25, 2019, to probe a disproportionate assets case against Mr. Shivakumar.

Meanwhile, a single judge will continue hearing on the petition filed by Mr. Siddaramaiah, who questioned the legality of permission by the Governor for conducting a probe against him in MUDA case.

Governor seeks clarification on 11 Bills

BENGALURU

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has returned 11 Bills passed by the State legislature seeking clarifications from the government on various counts, such as pending cases in apex court, overlapping provisions of two laws, and issues in creation of a new entity for a limited area. » PAGE 6

Karnataka HC refuses to cancel Revanna's bail

BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday refused to cancel bail granted to JD(S) leader and former Minister H.D. Revanna by a special court in the case of alleged abduction of his former maid. » PAGE 6

SIT probe into sexual abuse in Kerala film industry gathers pace

G Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The investigation into the complaints of sexual exploitation and abuse in the Kerala film industry gathered pace on Wednesday.

The special investigation team (SIT) probing the accusations recorded the statement of the woman artist who had publicly accused actor and former general secretary of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists, Siddique, of raping her at a hotel under the pretext of auditioning her for a movie project.

The SIT also pivoted to Kochi, where investigators called on an actor who had accused four actors and two production controllers of sexually abusing her.

She also accused a politically connected lawyer of attempting to traffic her to a film producer for sex.

Siddique

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Bangladesh interim govt. lifts ban on Islamist party

Kallol Bhattacherjee
DHAKA

The interim government of Bangladesh on Wednesday ended the ban on the Jamaat-e-Islami, its student wing Islami Chhatrashibir, and "all associated organisations". The announcement came in a notification, which was preceded by a press conference by Shafiqur Rahman, the emir of Jamaat-e-Islami.

The end of the ban has opened the political landscape of Bangladesh to the Islamist party.

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Elderly woman dies after being bitten by stray dogs while on morning walk

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 76-year-old retired teacher was killed after nearly a dozen stray dogs attacked her on Wednesday, during her morning walk in North Bengaluru, bringing the focus back to the menace of stray dogs.

Police identified the deceased as Rajdulari Sinha, a native of Bihar, who had come to Bengaluru recently after her daughter married an airman. She was on her morning walk near her son-in-law's residential quarters at the 7th residential camp, Air Force East, Jalahalli, at 6.30 a.m. when the incident occurred.

A pack of around 10 to 12 stray dogs pounced on her. In the attack that lasted a few minutes, the dogs bit her multiple times all over her body. A resident noticed the victim, rushed to her help and alerted her family. "The elderly victim sustained multiple grievous injuries and died on the way to the hospital," said Saidulu Adavath, Deputy Commissioner of Police (North).

Rajdulari Sinha

A passerby, Hariskrishnan, posted on social media that he screamed for help on seeing the woman being attacked. Another man arrived some time later and chased away the dogs. "I shouted, and my family joined me. Until a gentleman came, the dogs attacked. Jalahalli Air Force playground, Vidyaranyapura. I am guilty that I couldn't help her because of the wall (sic)," he posted on X. He tagged Indian Air Force and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath told *The Hindu* that the civic body had captured the six dogs, and a probe was on to ascertain whether more dogs were involved. "We are also finding whether captured dogs are juvenile, vaccinated, or neutered, and fit for survival outside. Analysing the condition of these dogs, the civic body will pass an order under Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976, on what action should be taken," he said.

Mr. Giri Nath said human lives are important and BBMP will take steps to ensure such incidents do not recur. The BBMP announced compensation of ₹5 lakh to the family of the deceased.

FEEDING PRACTICES BLAMED » PAGE 3

Trolley operator stabbed to death at Terminal 1 of KIA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 45-year-old man working as a trolley operator at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) was stabbed to death at the arrival point of Terminal 1 on Wednesday night in full glare of security personnel and passengers.

The deceased, Ramakrishna, was picking up the trolley left by a passenger when the accused, identified as Ramesh, confronted him and stabbed him to death. The attacker, who was pinned down by the Central Industrial Security Force personnel, was later handed over to International Airport Police along with the knife he used to commit the crime.

Panic gripped the airport as the trolley operator lay in a pool of blood before the body was cleared. Senior police officials said the assailant did not enter the terminal area, and the incident happened outside at a parking lot. Since he didn't enter the terminal, the security personnel did not check his bag, a police officer said, ruling out a security lapse.

Ramesh, the accused in the murder at KIA on Wednesday.

The incident occurred around 6.30 p.m. Preliminary investigations revealed that both Ramesh, a private bus conductor, and the deceased, Ramakrishna, hailed from Thimmanahalli in Tumakuru's Madhugiri taluk. Ramakrishna was allegedly in a relationship with Ramesh's wife for the last three years, and the couple had separated in 2021. Ramesh had attempted to kill Ramakrishna twice before, investigations have now revealed.

On Tuesday, the duo had a heated argument over the phone. Ramesh then decided to eliminate him and carried a knife in a backpack, boarded a bus from Madhugiri, and deboarded at Yelahanka. He then got into a BMTC bus and headed towards KIA and waited for Ramakrishna at the arrival point where he usually came to pick up the trolleys and attacked him.

The International Airport police have registered a case of murder.

Jharkhand Police officials questioned for 'spying' on Champai Soren in Delhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/PATNA

Two Jharkhand Police officials suspected of spying on former Chief Minister Champai Soren in New Delhi were questioned by the Delhi Police, officials said on Wednesday.

According to sources, the two sub-inspectors were staying at a five-star hotel in the city for the past few days and were taken to the Chanakyapuri police station for questioning.

"They were later allowed to go. The two officials told the police that they had come to Delhi on routine duty," a senior Delhi police officer said.

BJP leader and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who is also the party's in-charge for the Jharkhand elections, alleged that Mr. Champai had been under the "surveillance of his own government".

Under 'surveillance': Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren arriving at the Ranchi airport on Wednesday. ANI

'FIR registered'

Addressing a press conference in Guwahati, Mr. Sarma said two sub-inspectors of the Special Branch of the Jharkhand police were nabbed by the Delhi Police officials and an FIR had been registered following a complaint by Mr. Champai.

However, the senior officer told *The Hindu* that no case had been filed so far. "Champai was put under surveillance even before he was in talks with the BJP," Mr. Sarma said. He said the officials admitted that the Special Branch chief, Inspector-General Prabhat Kumar, had put them on duty to "track" Mr. Champai.

Amid the allegations levelled against the Hemant Soren government, Mr. Champai returned to Ranchi from New Delhi and resigned from the primary membership and all posts of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) in the evening. "Aggrieved by the JMM's present style of functioning, I am forced to quit," he said in a letter to party chief Shibu Soren.

JMM spokesperson Manoj Pandey told *The Hindu*, "These allegations are baseless. If at all the Special Branch officials have been nabbed, it may be because of some other reason...they may have been deputed for Champai Sorenji's security because he was still a Cabinet Minister until he resigned."

(With inputs from PTI)

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S.M. Krishna discharged from hospital

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Veteran politician and former Karnataka Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, who was hospitalised on April 29 for treatment of pneumonia and pulmonary congestion, was discharged from hospital on Wednesday.

The 92-year-old politician was in the ICU with adequate support and artificial ventilation till July, after which he was shifted to the ward.

First admitted at Vydehi Super Speciality Hospital on Vittal Mallya Road for an acute respiratory infection, he was later admitted to Manipal Hospital. According to a statement from Manipal Hospital, "Coordinated care and patient's efforts led to his discharge and recovery."

An engineer's approach to fighting the cruelty of circumstance — the Sukant Kadam story

A life-changing knee injury took this Indian para badminton star away from cricket, but his never-say-die spirit has now carried him further than he ever thought possible as he finds himself embarking on a maiden Paralympic campaign

Lavanya Lakshminarayanan

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

THE GIST

- Sukant Kadam is all set to feature in his maiden Paralympics. He competes in the SL4 category
- He has impaired function in his left leg after an injury he sustained on the cricket field at the age of 10
- Kadam is a mechanical engineer who chose to make sports his full-time career
- He has won medals at the Asian Games and World Championships and hopes to add to his tally with a medal at the coveted Paralympics
- Kadam is one of three Indians participating in the men's SL4 category making it the first time these many Indian para-shuttlers are competing in a single category at the Paralympics
- Besides increasing support from the Sports Authority of India, Kadam's career has been supported by Olympic Gold Quest

How much can you go with the flow? How much can you take the curveballs life throws at you on the chin and keep moving forward with a smile? Ask Sukant Kadam.

A budding cricketer as a young boy, Kadam's life changed when he injured his knee on the cricket field. Multiple surgeries followed and his leg was saved but the procedures left him with a permanent impairment in his left leg.

"My family strictly removed me from sports. I used to watch more sports, I wasn't allowed anything more," Kadam told *The Hindu* ahead of his maiden Paralympic Games in Paris.

Moving out of home to pursue engineering helped him edge towards sports again.

"I was never prepared for education," Kadam, an engineer by qualification, said with a grin.

"My extra-curricular activities were my mainstream and studying was the extra-curricular. So that was the opposite of what I was doing those days. I then started learning about new sports. Coming from a village, you don't know about too many sports. One or two sports max are known and popular there. When you come out, you realise how large the spectrum is."

The 2012 London Olympics changed the life of a young engineer-in-training from Kautholi in Sangli district, Maharashtra. Watching Sania Nehwal winning bronze in badminton caught his attention and seeing Girisha Nagarajegowda clinch silver in Paralympic high jump introduced him to the world of para sports.

"Initially, my dream was to play internationally once. Because being a cricket fan, you know how important it is to don that jersey with 'INDIA' written on the back. I didn't think all of this was written in my destiny and I'd eventually end up accomplishing all this," Kadam beamed.

Alongside his mechanical engineering degree at the Government College of Engineering and Research, Avasari Khurd, Kadam nurtured his badminton ambitions in a small hall near the institution. Funnily, he was not picked for his college team, something he still ribs his college mates about.

" It's an old story and my friends still call it a mistake when they call me all these years later. '*Ab bolna band karde bhai, galti ho gayi*' (Stop bringing that up, brother. We made a mistake).

"I am probably the only one who has stuck to sports. They've moved on to corporate jobs and are in the middle of their family life. They're all so happy and proud of me and my choice to keep going in sport. They always tell me that I am living their dream for them."

Pause. Play

Cut to 2014. Kadam embarked on his maiden international event in London. He was nationally classified in the SL3 category and was all set to make a case for himself in top level badminton but was in for a shock when he learnt that he was placed in the wrong competition class.

SL3 and SL4 are competing classes in para badminton for athletes with lower limb impairments. SL3 is for those with more severe levels of disability, requiring athletes to play on a half-width court.

"SL4 meant I had to learn to play full court. There were such accomplished athletes already in this bracket, and I found myself having to deal with new space, new rules. I came in fully prepared for SL3 and its opponents, and I was so confident, but it was all taken away."

Kadam spent two years away from the sport, perfecting himself for a higher level of competition. He returned to international competitions with an event in Ireland in 2016 and won a medal after beating the then World no.5. He could have turned his back on badminton, but Kadam is not a quitter.

He soon found himself at the doorsteps of the Nikhil Kanetkar Badminton Academy where he also took up duties as an assistant coach. Not only did this sort out sustenance for Kadam, but it also gave him two coaches who support him till date - Kanetkar and Mayank Gole.

Kadam began medaling internationally with consistency. He won bronze in the Beijing Asian Championships in 2016 in Men's doubles. At the Jakarta Asian Games in 2018, he was part of the bronze medal-winning men's team. He then picked up a gold medal at the IWAS World Games in 2019, his first major single's gold. He then won bronze in the men's singles at the Basel World Championships that same year.

Kadam was all set to take his game to the next level and eyed a spot in India's contingent for the Tokyo Paralympics. But he didn't make the cut and that sent him on a downward spiral.

Existential crisis

"Tokyo was of course a big heartbreak. Everything dropped to zero. I had a lot of dreams and a lot of expectations from myself and the whole thing collapsed within seconds and then picking myself up from that moment was very tough. There was a lot of self doubt and my mind was in a very negative space. It took some time for me to bring up better solutions for myself. Back then, I thought if I'm not headed to the Paralympics, then winning the medal at the World Championships doesn't count," Kadam recollected.

"The bigger your dreams, the more dedication it needs and when it comes crashing, it takes that big of a toll on you. Even now when people mention Tokyo, it pinches. But I have conquered my emotions and made my peace with it."

Between Tokyo 2021 and Paris 2024, he picked up three more bronze medals at the Worlds - one Japan (2022) and two in Pattaya (2024), but the pain of missing out on a Paralympic medal changed something in Kadam.

His parents, who had once gone all out to prevent him from ever playing sport for fear of more damage to his body, sent out to mend his broken heart.

"I used to just sit at home and not talk to anyone. They used to come and motivate me and distract me. There were no instructions or orders. They (his family) were so kind to me.

"When I qualified for the Paris Paralympics, I called everyone at home a day before the announcement. My brother, my sister, my father, everybody was in the same house. I said, 'See I have gone through this last time and I have a better experience. Don't worry about what happened around Tokyo happening again. Whether it's a positive or a negative outcome, I will be the same. There won't be any change. I will keep following my dreams because it's my life now. Unless and until my body disagrees with me, I will keep playing.'

"Paralympics, definitely that's a big dream for me. The moment I didn't make it to Tokyo, my sights were set on Paris. The dream was renewed then only. Everyone around me said that if I qualify for Paris, we'll celebrate and if I don't, then we'll celebrate for LA."

Domestic tussle

Kadam will head to Paris without the company of his dear friend Pramod Bhagat who not only misses the Paralympics but 18 months of international competitive time due to a whereabouts failure.

Kadam and Pramod are a successful men's doubles pair. They've achieved the world no.1 ranking, have a world championship medal among other accolades and are close friends.

"When this development unfolded, I couldn't speak to him for a day or two. But when we did, the first thing he said was, 'Go, get a medal in Paris. Forget everything else. It doesn't matter and it can't be changed.'

"It takes a lot of mental toughness to accept something like this and move forward and then tell someone to go and follow their dreams."

The para badminton ecosystem is a closely knit one, but the competition is as intense as the camaraderie. Just in Kadam's competing class - SL4 - he has had to keep the likes of Suhas Yathiraj and Tarun Dhillon at bay. In Paris, all three will represent India making it the first time these many Indian para-shuttlers are competing in a single category at the Paralympics.

"SL4 in India is at a very good level now. Any day, anyone can win. We all are afraid of each other. I won't say I am comfortable with them. Off the court we are the best of friends but on the court, we're fierce enemies. We never let any moment go and fight for every point, every stroke.

When he takes his place on court at Porte de La Chapelle Arena, Kadam is well aware of all the tribulations, the naysayers and the bad luck he has left behind. Nothing else matters, the only way is forward. Everything about how he operates goes with the flow. Even his pre-competition playlist.

"That keeps changing, definitely I do not follow any particular playlist, because if it gets fixed, it becomes a part of the mind. And then when it doesn't work, I'll fixate on it. I turn on YouTube music and let the suggestions surprise me. I like calm music, things that can seamlessly blend into what I am doing," he revealed.

Like many mechanical engineers, Kadam has compartmentalised his life with utmost practicality. Everything has a reason, and is as emotionally untangled as possible. He is a dream to work with for his coaches, support staff and analysts as he says he views everything on merit. But even the most 'mechanical' of athletes has a weakness. For Kadam, it's a good plate of Hyderabadi Biriyani, a treat he says he has reserved for when he ascends the Paralympic podium.

For now, there's no last minute cramming of the syllabus. Just plenty of deep breathes, faith in the process and his trademark 'taking things as they come.'

Three cases, including double murder, cracked in 48 hours

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The North East division police have cracked three recent murder cases reported in their jurisdiction over the past week, within the golden hour of 48 hours, including the gruesome double murder of two minor girls and arrested their stepfather.

Police arrested Mohan Amith, 40, who worked as a delivery executive with a grocery chain and lived with Anita in Kaveri Layout, Dasarahalli, for the past nine years after she divorced her husband.

Anita, who worked at a garment shop, came home on August 24 to find her two daughters, Soni, 16, and Srushti, 14, lying in a pool of blood with their throats slit and a blood-stained machete nearby. Mohan was missing.

Police tracked down Mohan, who reportedly confessed to the crime. He told the police that he had warned the two girls against speaking to boys in their class. He reportedly even threatened to kill them if they spoke to boys, and when they did not heed his warnings, he allegedly killed them last week. He was boarding a train when he was arrested.

In another case, Bagalur police arrested a 50-year-old labourer who killed his wife over a domestic row on August 24 and tried to create an alibi by filing a complaint the next day that she was murdered. However, the police cracked the case in 48 hours and arrested Mehboob Pasha for the crime.

According to the police, Mehboob Pasha, a native of Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh had come to the city a few years ago with his second wife Mumtaz. They worked as daily wage labourers. Pasha started doubting his wife, suspecting her fidelity, and the duo used to have frequent fights. Following a fight, Pasha took Mumtaz to a guava farm and bludgeoned her to death on August 24.

In another case, Sampigehalli police arrested Sadiq, 27, a construction labourer, for murdering his drinking partner in a shed in Hegde Nagar on Saturday. According to the police, Pushparaj, 24, who is also a labourer and an alcoholic, used to harass Sadiq and extort money from him frequently. Unable to bear harassment, Sadiq allegedly bludgeoned Pushparaj to death while he was sleeping and set the body on fire.

BBMP releases list of top 100 tax defaulters

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has released a list of 100 top defaulters in each zone who have not paid tax dues to the Revenue Department of the civic body.

The BBMP released the list of 50 tax defaulters and 50 property owners who have failed to pay revised tax. The tax was revised as many commercial properties were falsely declared as residential properties.

Every year, BBMP releases this list as a strategy to force them to pay dues. A source in the department said BBMP has not collected the expected revenue and now aims to boost it through this route.

Woman stabbed to death by husband in Kengeri

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a bizarre incident, a 28-year-old dance instructor was stabbed to death by her husband, even as her friend was sleeping next to her in Kengeri Satellite Town early on Wednesday.

The deceased Navyashri, a native of Bhadravathi in Shivamogga district, married Kiran, a cab driver, three years ago and was living in a rented house in a residential building in SMV layout. The couple had differences as Kiran had started suspecting her fidelity.

On Wednesday, Navyashri called her friend Aishwarya over and the duo went out in a car with a common friend Anil. Navyashri told Aishwarya about the harassment by Kiran and said that she was not feeling safe at home owing to the domestic quarrel. Anil reportedly told her to file a complaint with the police.

The trio had dinner before Anil dropped them off at Navyashri's house. Aishwarya, in her complaint, stated that around 6 a.m. she woke up to find Navyashri dead next to her with stab injuries on her neck. She raised an alarm prompting the neighbours to inform the Kengeri police. Aishwarya, who works in a real estate firm, said Kiran used duplicate keys to enter the house and kill Navyashri.

The police registered a case of murder and arrested Kiran, 31, within hours.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated August 29, we have a column by M.A. Saleem, Director General of Police, CID, Economic Offences and Special Units, Bengaluru, who talks about how in order to provide the much-needed relief to the victims of crime, it is essential that the focus of criminal justice system shifts from being accused-centric to victim-centric.

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No. CUSAT /PL(C).A1/3549/2019 Dt: 11.08.2024

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Start Date (Equipment): **29/08/2024,** 10:00 AM. Start Date (Softwares): **07/09/2024**, 10:00 AM. Last Date: See individual e-tenders. For details, please visit: **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in https://cusat.ac.in/tenders** Sd/-
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FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by publication

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1)
3rd Floor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad -500001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
RC/146/2021 19-07-2024

IDBI BANK LTD.
Versus
MR. RAMANA VENKATA POLAVARAPU,

To
(CD 1) MR. RAMANA VENKATA POLAVARAPU,
S/O P. BHASKARA RAO, APARTMENT 101, PURVA FAIRMENT, HSR LAYOUT, II SECTOR, BANGALORE-560034. Bangalore
(CD 2) SMT. SRIDEVI POLAVARAPU, W/O RAMANA VENKATA POLAVARAPU, APARTMENT 101, PURVA FAIRMENT, HSR LAYOUT, II SECTOR, BANGALORE-560034.
(CD 3) SMT. S. SWAROOPA, W/O LATE S. KRISHNA REDDY, H.NO.1-30-116, AKASH NAGAR, AIRLINES COLONY, NEW BOWENPALLY, SECUNDERABAD.
(CD 4) MS. S. PALAVI, D/0 LATE S. KRISHNA REDDY H.NO.1-30-116, AKASH NAGAR, AIRLINES COLONY, NEW BOWENPALLY, SECUNDERABAD.
(CD 5) MS. S. RADHIKA, DIO LATE S. KRISHNA REDDY, H.NO.1-30-116, AKASH NAGAR, AIRLINES COLONY, NEW BOWENPALLY, SECUNDERABAD.
(CD 8) KASALA KRISHNA REDDY, S/O LATE NARAYANA REDDY, PLOT NO. 59, SEETHARAMPURAM COLONY, OLD BOWENPALLY, SECUNDERABAD-11.
(CD 9) P. KONDALA REDDY, S/0 BHOOM REDDY, FLAT NO.301, BALAJI RESIDENCY, RAJA REDDY COLONY, BOWENPALLY, SECUNDERABAD-11.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1) in **OA/669/2013** an amount of **Rs 13268229.00** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousands Two Hundred Twenty Nine Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @ 13.75 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. **27/05/2013** till realization and costs of **Rs 185000 (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Five Thousands Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **20/09/2024 at 10:30 a.m.** for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(A) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **19/07/2024**

RECOVERY OFFICER
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, HYDERABAD(DRT 1)

Govt. of Jharkhand
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, Road Construction Department, Nirupan Bhawan, 4th floor, 56-Set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi-834002
e-mail--- eercdapfsdran-jhr@nic.in

e-Procurement Very Short Notice, 3rd Call

e-Tender Reference No.-RCD/FSD /AP/ RAN/15/24-25 Dated 27.08.2024

1-	Name of Work	Consultancy services for preparation of Detailed project report for Construction of Barkagaon Bypass keeping the alignment out of the area of Pakri-Barwadih Coal Mines project area of NTPC including replacement of culverts and bridges, proposal of new culverts and bridges, complete Land Acquisition Proposal including ownership details, Resettlement and Rehabilitation Proposal and Forest Diversion Proposal including clearance of all stages etc as required all complete as per latest guidelines, at Hazaribagh in the state of Jharkhand.from Consultants empanelled in Category-I with the Road Construction Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no-3063(S) W.E dated 22-08-2022 are allowed to bid.
2-	Tentative Length	11.00 km
3-	Work completion time	45 Days
4-	Cost of Tender Document & Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Cost of Tender Document**: - Rs 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) (Non-Refundable) through online mode only. **EMD :**- Rs- 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) through online mode only. As per the Departmental Letter no.-4652(S) dated 06.10.2023, cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit will be received in online mode only through e-procurement portal (https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in) by Internet banking/ NEFT/ RTGS facility as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by Information Technology & e-Governance Department, Government of Jharkhand vide letter no- 120 dated 03.10.2023.
5-	Date and Time of Publishing of Tender on official website	29.08.2024, 05.00 PM
6-	Last date and Time of submission of Tender (With Tender Fee and EMD)	09.09.2024, 12.30 PM
7-	Date and Timing of Bid opening	10.09.2024, 12.30 PM
8-	Tender Inviting Authority	Executive Engineer, Field Survey Division, Advance Planning, RCD, Ranchi, Nirupan Bhavan, 56 set Chowk, Doranda, Ranchi-834002, Mobile No-9431591027
9-	Mode of Bid Submission	e-Tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
10-	Pr No	332646 Road(24-25)#D

For further information please go through the website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

PR 333878 Road(24-25)#D

Executive Engineer
Field Survey Division,A.P
Road Construction Department,Ranchi

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. Shivam Dixit, S/o. Sri. Radha Bihari Dixit is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owners Sri. Srinivas Vuppala S/o. Late. Vuppala Mohan Krishna Murthy 2. Smt. Santhi Sameera Ambe W/o. Sri. Srinivas Vuppala both are residing at V2 303, Astro Rosewood Regency, Sarjapura Road, Near St. Peters School, Kaikondrahalli, Bangalore – 560035.

If any persons, banks, financial institutions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

BDA Approved vacant Plots mentioned hereunder as ITEM No. 1 & 2 are in the residential layout know as "NIMRITHAGREEN COUNTY" formed in the converted land bearing Sy. Nos. 58/1 & 58/2 situated at Halanayakanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, are as follows:-

ITEM No. 01 : Plot No. 109, Panchyathi khata bearing No. 1877.58/1.58/2.109, PID No. 150200402300123114, measuring East to West 12.192 Mtrs. & North to South 9.144 Mtrs. total measuring 111.48 Sq. Mtrs. and bounded on the : East by : Plot No. 116, West by : Road, North by : Plot No. 108, South by : Plot No. 110.

ITEM No. 02 : Plot No. 110, Panchyathi khata bearing No. 1876.58/2.110, PID No. 150200402300123113, measuring East to West 12.192 Mtrs. & North to South 9.144 Mtrs. total measuring 111.48 Sq. Mtrs. and bounded on the : East by : Plot No. 115, West by : Road, North by : Plot No. 109, South by : Plot No. 111.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B,
& B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
 # 96, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross,
Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore- 68,
Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 28-08-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our Client **Ms. Thakkar Ankita,** D/o. Thakkar Rajendra, No: 26/18, Pancharathna Apartment, Panchavati Society, Near Jayhind School, Maninagar, Ahmedabad City, Gujarat-380008 has entered into Sale Agreement dated. 19-08-2024 with **Mr. Vasudeva Visweswara Mattigodu** S/o. M.S Vasudeva Shastry, C-102, Safal Parisar-2, Sobo Center, South Bopal, Ahmedabad City, Gujarat-380058, in respect of the property mentioned in the schedule below and the vendor represents he is the absolute owner of the schedule property.

Any persons asserting any right, title or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the owner or objections to such sale in favor of our Client should write to the under signed **within (7) Seven Days** of the issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are relaying and asserting their rights with regard to the schedule property thereof after which period, our Client shall proceed with Registration of absolute sale deed, treating that there are no claims of whatsoever nature for the Sale transaction in respect to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

1. 1/32 Undivided right and interest in the land and premises of the building 17th A Block, "NANDI GARDEN", OF curved out of Sy. Nos.12, 23, 24 & 25, situated at Alahalli, J.P. Nagar, 9th Phase, Bangalore, presently comes under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike limits, Bangalore, New No. Block- 17A-21.

2. Flat measuring 77.310 Sq. mtrs., bearing No.21 SF in Second Floor of the building and bounded on the: East by : Stair West by : Flat No.22 North by : Corridor South by : Open

3. Undivided right and interest in common areas and the terrace of the said building of proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, lift, staircases and other areas of common use, including the floors, ceiling and walls between apartments, The Apartment has been constructed with RCC Roof, Walls in Cement Blocks with aluminum windows, doors of hard wood with Mosaic flooring.

Pradeep Kumar P.K & Associates
Advocates & Solicitors
No. 1/1-1, 1st floor, Queens Road, Bengaluru – 560001. PH 9742179449

झारखण्ड सरकार
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
कम्बाइंड बिल्डींग, ओल्ड चास कोट एरिया, बोकारो

ई– अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई– अल्पकालीन निविदा संख्या :- 18/2024-25/RWD/EE/BOKARO दिनांक – 28.08.2024

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, बोकारो द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से पैकेज के रुप में निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र0 सं0	आईडेन्टी फिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में) अंक में	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में) अक्षर में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	टेण्डर कॉल नं0
1	RWD/EE/ BOKARO/ 42/2024-25	रविदास टोला से जारा हालमा तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लम्बाई– 1.668 कि0मी0)।	1,50,36,800.00	एक करोड़ पचास लाख छत्तीस हजार आठ सौ रू0 मात्र	12 माह	प्रथम
2	RWD/EE/ BOKARO/ 43/2024-25	सोनपुरा आर0ई0ओ0 रोड से पुरनाटांड तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लम्बाई– 1.440 कि0मी0)।	1,26,44,200.00	एक करोड छब्बीस लाख चौवालीस हजार दो सौ रू0 मात्र	09 माह	प्रथम
3	RWD/EE/ BOKARO/ 44/2024-25	आर0ई0ओ0 रोड ब्रहामणडीहा से करकट्टाकला तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लम्बाई– 1.505 कि0मी0)।	1,28,21,800.00	एक करोड़ अट्ठाईस लाख इक्कीस हजार आठ सौ रू0 मात्र	09 माह	प्रथम
4	RWD/EE/ BOKARO/ 45/2024-25	एन0एच0–23 खांजो ब्रिज से भूताही बेड़ा भाया पोण्डा तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लम्बाई– 2.420 कि0मी0)।	2,60,90,000.00	दो करोड़ साठ लाख नब्बे हजार रू0 मात्र	15 माह	प्रथम

2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:– 02.09.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :– 11.09.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– 13.09.2024 अपराह्न 03.30 बजे।
5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, बोकारो, कम्बाइंड बिल्डींग, सिविल एस0डी0ओ0, ऑफिस ओल्ड चास कोट एरिया, चास बोकारो, झारखंड, पिन– 827013
6. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0– 9431060119

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग ,कार्य प्रमंडल, बोकारो

PR 333960 Rural Work Department(24-25).D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, बोकारो

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई– अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या – RDD/SD/BOKARO/35/2024-25

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :

क्र0 सं0	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	बोकारो जिला के कसमार प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत कसमार एवं मधुकरपुर सीमा के सामने खाँजो नदी पर उच्च स्तरीय पुल निर्माण। (लम्बाई 67.12 मी०)	31921100.00	638500.00	10000.00	18 माह
2	बोकारो जिलान्तर्गत कसमार प्रखण्ड के गट्टीगड्ढा एवं जरीडीह प्रखण्ड के रोरिया के बीच गवई नदी में उच्च स्तरीय पुल निर्माण। (लम्बाई 58.12 मी०)	30592500.00	612000.00	10000.00	18 माह
3	बोकारो जिला अंतर्गत कसमार प्रखण्ड के डामरूगोडा एवं लोधकियारी के बीच आदढेकिया नाला में उच्च स्तरीय पुल निर्माण। (लम्बाई 51.37 मी०)	31654100.00	633500.00	10000.00	18 माह
4	बोकारो जिला के गोमिया प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत कुन्दा और लावालौंग के बीच कटैल नदी में पुल निर्माण। (लम्बाई 39.37 मी०)	23801800.00	476500.00	10000.00	15 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 02.09.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 02.09.2024 से दिनांक 09.09.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, बोकारो।
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 11.09.2024 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, बोकारो।
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 06542 291060 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ सकती है तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, बोकारो

PR 333956 Rural Development (24-25)_D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जामताड़ा

ई-अल्पकालीन पुर्ननिविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई0–अल्पकालीन पुर्ननिविदा संख्या :– 02/RII/2024-25/RWD/JAMTARA दिनांक– 27.08.2024

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र0	आईडेन्टीफिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	प्रखंड का नाम		कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख में) अंक में	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में) अक्षर में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	RWD /JAMTARA/ STPKG-06/RII//2024-25	नाला	1	बहादूरडीह से एकलब्यपुर तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (1.460 कि.मी.)	1203.7041	बारह करोड़ तीन लाख सत्तर हजार चार सौ दस मात्र	15 महीना
		नाला	2	हुसुमनगर से घोरमारा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (3.500 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	3	सियारकेटिया से फतेहपुर तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (2.150 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	4	चकनयापाड़ा से जीवनपुर तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (1.100 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	5	दलावर से सुरयापानी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (2.450 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	6	बामुनडीह से चुनकुदर तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (1.620 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	7	खुड़ियाम से कालीडीह तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (1.660 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	8	बामुनडीह से राख तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (1.650 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	9	बाबुडीह से तारापेटिया तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (1.400 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	10	खैरा से अगैया तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (4.540 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	11	चिहुटियाँ से केशोरी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (3.050 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	12	पैंचमोहली से बंदरडीहा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (2.080 कि.मी.)			
		फतेहपुर	13	नावाडीह से तीनघारा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (2.000 कि.मी.)			
		फतेहपुर	14	टोडो से दलबेड़िया तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (1.500 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	15	शहरपुर से कुंजबोना तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (1.150 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	16	खामारचक से मोहजुड़ी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (2.230 कि.मी.)			
		नाला	17	सिंदुरकोनिया से राधाबल्लभपुर तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य (0.800 कि.मी.)			

2. बेवसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि : 31.08.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :– 09.09.2024 अपराह्न् 5:00 बजे।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समयः 11.09.2024 अपराह्न् 3:30 बजे।
5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पताः– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा, ब्लॉक–सी, प्रथम तल्ला, कम्बाईंड बिलडिंग, जामताड़ा, पिन–815351

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा
अति अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई– निविदा सूचना संख्या – RDD/SD/CHAIBASA/07/2024-25

1.कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणीः

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2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 31.08.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय–दिनांक 31.08.2024 से दिनांक 06.09.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेश प्रमण्डल, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा।
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8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
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11. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

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Wanted: a strategy to turn climate research into disaster management

Climate research's goals were once research papers and PhDs, but now it must meet people's needs by bringing science to society; govts. and disaster management agencies are depending on it, and sector-specific extension agents are necessary to bridge the research and administrative enterprises

Raghu Murtugudde

India is increasingly aware of the multiple location-specific natural hazards it is facing, each with a rapidly evolving risk landscape. These risks are a combination of weather events, vulnerabilities of the local population, and their exposure. Risks are best managed and mitigated with well-planned responses. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) deserves the kudos it receives for its response to disasters and its help reducing their mortality and damage. But it also contends with many knowledge gaps and barriers in improving its operations to meet India's need to be weather-ready and climate-resilient.

Never cease to surprise

Most regions of India know by now to expect weather extremes in all seasons, including heatwaves, wildfires, heavy rains, landslides, droughts, and cyclones. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) tries to keep pace by improving its forecasts of all weather hazards, even if they tend to not be as local (in scale) as required to plan disaster responses. Skills can always improve.

Academic institutions and government research facilities play an important role in advancing process and predictive understanding, and improving predictions. They also continue to develop and implement novel approaches to downscaling global, coarse-resolution forecasts to hyperlocal scales for specific sectors.

Climate change manifests locally as cooler and warmer temperature trends over northern-central and peninsular India, respectively. But this hardly means we are spared from heatwaves. Similarly, rainfall extremes now occur not only during the monsoon season of June to September but also during the pre- and post-monsoons. Land that is weakly supported suffers more landslides as a result. Wildfires have also been reported to be on the rise.

Exacerbated to weather extremes

Vulnerability isn't entirely natural.

Thanks to India's population and economic growth, people are moving into more unsafe regions and establishing informal housing on unstable slopes and flood-prone areas. The more exotic of these places have invited more tourists, as a result of which the state sets up more infrastructure in these locales and encourages other economic activities, such as replacing forest cover with cash crops and plantations.

The recent landslides in Wayanad put such a dangerous mix of factors on full display.

Taken together, vulnerability is a combination of poverty and high population density with poor infrastructure in some places and wealth and unsafe development in others. Insurance coverage and/or policies could also be creating a moral hazard by incentivising people to increase their exposure to climate risks.

Ineffective translation

India continues to invest heavily in climate research, forecasts, and climate services. Climate services translate forecasts into support for decision-making in agriculture, water and energy resources, healthcare, transportation, and other sectors. But the uptake of this information has been remarkably low because it's either not as location- or sector-specific as it needs to be or there aren't enough people with the right skills to use it.

A road damaged by a landslip triggered by heavy rain at Baluganj in Shimla on August 21. Most regions of India now expect weather extremes in all seasons. PTI

Academia and many private ventures continue to push the limits of translating the IMD's forecasts into hyperlocal scales and to improve the skills to deliver value-added products for users. Even when specific products are generated at the scales and skill-levels required, operationalising them or providing them in a timely and routine manner remains a major hurdle. Two examples illustrate this problem.

(i) Irrigation advisories: Weather forecasts frequently are translated to farm-scale information to manage irrigation from days 1 to 5 and water arrangement information for up to 14 days. Experts combine farmers' inputs on their irrigation practices with data of soil properties, crop types, water requirements, and crop stress so that rainfall forecasts can inform decisions about whether there is sufficient water for irrigation and what the schedule should be.

The author was a part of one such decision-support tool developed for grape farmers in Nashik district.

The co-development of this solution with farmers showed that in both kharif and rabi seasons, up to 30% of water can be saved without any loss in crop yield.

Now, large-scale operationalisation is required: farmers need to use this tool to document the usefulness and usability of irrigation advisories over a few years, so that the tool can be improved. This is planned in the form of an app where farmers can access data and provide continuous feedback to the researchers. The researchers can use this feedback to update the tool for other regions and other crops.

But engaging farmers in large numbers and developing the app requires the involvement of local governments, NGOs, and farmers organisations or cooperatives. One can see this as the purview of extension agencies that – if they exist – could translate research into daily, weekly, and seasonal agricultural operations.

Climate services translate forecasts into support for decision-making. But the uptake of this information has been low because it is either not as location- or sector-specific as it needs to be or there are not many people with right skills to use it

Yet such bodies don't exist nor are we educating/training people to staff them. We also lack the funding structures required to set up research-to-operation programmes. At the same time there is an unmet need to support poorer farmers with the soil moisture and crop data they need to plan irrigation. Without these systems and skills, any plan to double farmers' incomes or ensure a minimum income for them will be impossible.

(ii) Urban flood predictions: We need to downscale predictions of heavy rainfall for the street-level in cities for flood control. At present, municipalities are achieving this with inputs from municipal sensors and data from its weather stations.

However, the ideal situation looks like the following: flood managers will have to evaluate forecases for a few seasons to ensure a downscaled forecast is actionable, and subsequently plan the allocation and operation of drainage pumps, traffic control units, bus/train routes, school closures, etc.

In this example, the flood managers need to be trusted employees of a government, an NGO or a private entity that tracks forecasts and their systematic biases as well as human actions that exacerbate water-logging.

Again, neither an academic setup nor the structure of urban governments allows us to translate downscaled forecasts to urban flood management and flood risk mitigation completely.

From research to operations

Climate research is currently too siloised for it to inform operations within a reasonable timeframe. Its goals were once research papers and PhDs, but now it needs to meet people's needs by bringing science to society. Governments and disaster management agencies are depending on it. We clearly need sector-specific extension agents as described above to bridge the research and the administrative enterprises. These agents will serve as links to co-develop effective solutions to make India weather-ready.

In fact, weather-readiness and climate-resilience have to be hyperlocal since the nation will only be as ready and resilient as the weakest link. This requires sustained financing of the research-to-operations systems required at each location and in each sector.

We also need to pay serious attention to capacity-building, i.e. to train sector-specific extension agents who can communicate in local languages and manage the effects of cultural idiosyncrasies on disaster management and risk mitigation. If this seems like an onerous task, remember that it's also necessary – to ensure India's development is sustainable and confers safety and security for all, including from the effects of climate change.

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Around 23.33% of products contained cellulose microbeads. PRAVEEN KUMAR MATHIVANAN/UNSPLASH

'High amount of microplastics in Indian personal care products'

Priyali Prakash

Personal care products (PCP) like face wash and shower gels in India contain a significant amount of harmful microplastics, new research has revealed.

According to a study published in the *Emerging Contaminants* journal and led by Riya K. Alex, a third-year PhD Scholar at the Cochin University of Science and Technology, polyethylene (PE) is the dominant polymer in microplastic emissions from PCPs.

Microplastics are plastic particles are under 5 mm in size; microbeads have a diameter under 5 mm in diameter.

The researchers analysed 45 samples of PCP in face washes, face scrubs, shower gels, and body scrubs available in India and manufactured in 2022. The study focused on products marketed as "eco-friendly", "natural" or "organic" to scrutinise the legitimacy of these claims.

The study noted that labels like 'organic', 'natural', and 'eco-friendly' constitute a form of 'greenwashing'

Around 23.33% of products contained cellulose microbeads and their biodegradability was unclear. Most microbeads were coloured white while green were the rarest. According to the researchers, white microbeads are more easily concealed in PCP. These orb-like particles are used as exfoliating agents and to enhance the delivery of active ingredients in the PCP. They are made of PE, polypropylene or and polyester. PE was present in the highest concentration in more than half the microbeads.

In 30 grams of each kind of product, researchers found 0.26 g, 0.9 g, 1.24 g, and 1.74 g of microbeads in face washes, face scrubs, body scrubs, and shower gels, respectively. The average sizes of microbeads in the samples under study were 640.74 micrometre, 452.45 micrometre, 556.66 micrometre and 606.30 micrometre for face washes, face scrubs, body scrubs, and shower gels, respectively.

The research also found polycaprolactone, a type of bioplastic, in two of the tested samples. Polycaprolactone is become more popular in pharmaceuticals as a carrier of drugs and for its anti-ageing and antibacterial constituents, but scientists it also know malforms aquatic biota.

The researchers' paper also noted that labels like "organic", "natural", and" eco-friendly" thus constitute a form of greenwashing and said brands rely on consumers to not scan the ingredient lists in detail. They also said the blend of natural ingredients and plastics in the same product challenges tests to identify the presence of plastic.

The U.S., the U.K., Canada, France, and New Zealand have banned the production and sale of products with microbeads but it remains an ambiguous issue in India.

A recent study by Toxics Link, an environmental research and advocacy NGO, found 6.71 to 89.15 pieces of microplastics per kilogramme of dry weight of salt and sugar, sized 0.1-5 mm.

Microplastics have also been found in the human brain, blood, lungs, colon, placenta, testicles, and stool.

The study paper advocated for better policies to control microplastic pollution in India and suggested coffee, apricots, walnut, kiwi seeds, and soluble cellulose beads could replace microbeads in PCPs.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

A brief history of crew capsules

Vasudevan Mukunth

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1

The world's first human spaceflight, with cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, happened onboard the Vostok 1 crew capsule. Crucial to the Soviet Union's support for this vehicle was X's demand — which the space programme met — that Vostok 1 be able to function as a spacecraft as well as as a spy satellite. Name X.

QUESTION 2

John Glenn was the first U.S. citizen to get into earth orbit. Name the first U.S. individual on a suborbital flight, onboard the country's Mercury space capsule programme (which preceded Apollo).

QUESTION 3

Name the Russian crew capsule whose first and tenth flights resulted in the world's first in-flight and in-space human deaths in 1967 and 1971, respectively. The latter remains the only instance of humans dying in space.

QUESTION 4

Name the project the Chinese space programme approved in 1992 that developed human spaceflight technology. After an uncrewed test flight in 1999, the project was renamed Shenzhou.

QUESTION 5

In 1990, Iran said it would pursue human spaceflight with the USSR's support, but then the latter dissolved. The project was apparently revived in the 2010s before being paused again in 2017, until in December last year when Iran launched animals to space in a test capsule. What is the name of this capsule?

Visual question: Name the crew craft (red) bolted to the top of this rocket. A Danish company built this rocket-craft combo in a bid to achieve the world's first suborbital spaceflight performed by amateurs. PUBLIC DOMAIN

Answers to August 27 quiz:

1. Type of light reflection that results in glossy finish – Ans: **Diffuse**
2. Purpose of velvet panels rooted in their build – Ans: **Reduce echoes**
3. Action in moisture-wicking clothes that draws sweat away – Ans: **Capillary**
4. Material Stephanie Kwolek discovered in 1965 – Ans: **Kevlar**
5. Relative orientation of cellulose molecules in cotton fibre – Ans: **Parallel**

Visual: **Velcro**

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Improper feeding practices blamed for dog menace in city

According to BBMP data, there are about 2.79 lakh stray dogs in Bengaluru

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

According to rules, animal lovers or residents' welfare associations are barred from feeding strays in areas/streets frequented by children and senior citizens. FILE PHOTO

Civic officials blame improper practices in feeding stray dogs and impediments they face in the implementation of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023, for the continued dog menace in the city.

According to the ABC rules, animal lovers or residents' welfare associations are barred from feeding strays in areas/streets frequented by children and senior citizens. The canines should be fed in designated areas. However, stray dogs are fed everywhere in the city.

On Wednesday, a pack of stray dogs attacked a senior citizen on the ground in Jalahalli, where children came to play and elderly persons come for walks every day. A preliminary inquiry by the civic body has revealed that workers of a mess in the colony fed these dogs. However, in a contrary claim, many residents also told the civic officials that the dogs had become ferocious as they were probably hungry.

Suralkar Vikas Kishor, Special Commissioner (Health), BBMP, said while the civic body cares for stray dogs, it is unable to effectively implement ABC Rules, 2023, on feeding and vaccination due to opposition by a section of animal lovers. "Activists target the agencies that conduct ABC. They even have to face protests sometimes. Because of this, the implementation of the programme is not effective," he said.

According to 2023 survey data shared by BBMP, there are about 2.79 lakh stray dogs in the city. The number of dogs has come down by 10% from 3.1 lakh in 2019 to 2.79 lakh, a reflection of animal birth control drives. The BBMP claims that by 2023, the Animal Husbandry Department has sterilised 71% of strays. Data also show that 30,000 to 35,000 dog bites are recorded every year.

Arun Kumar, an animal rights activist talking to *The Hindu* linked ferocious dog behaviour to feeding patterns. "In residential areas, residents have to feed them at least biscuits to befriend them. If humans behave in an unfriendly manner, they will retaliate. Many residents pelt stones at dogs due to which they develop animosity against people," he said. He added that as and when the civic body clears garbage blackspots in the city, ironically, stray dogs face a crisis of food availability. "BBMP and residents welfare associations should ensure stray dogs are fed properly," he said.

Territorial behaviour

Sudarshan Y., a resident of J.P. Nagar, said in his area, some residents feed stray dogs wherever they spot them. "When they are fed in a particular area, they think of it as their territory and the person as their caretaker. The dogs then do not like other human beings passing through the stretch where they are fed. If I walk on the road where my house is located, I avoid passing the feeding area because dogs come to bite. Two dogs also bit a few residents," he said.

State records 2.22 lakh dog bite cases and three deaths this year

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The number of dog bite cases in Karnataka are on the rise with a total of 2,22,167 dog bite cases and three deaths reported this year so far. As many as 2,32,552 cases and four deaths were reported in the State in 2023.

According to data from the State Health Department's Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), as many as 7,154 cases were reported in the last one week itself. In the last one month alone, 26,436 dog bite cases have been reported. Officials said an average of 6,000 cases are being reported in the State every month of which a majority are in urban areas, including Bengaluru.

Notifiable disease

In 2022, Karnataka declared human rabies – a fatal viral disease that spreads through the bite of rabid animals (mainly dogs) – as a notifiable disease under the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act, 2020.

Following this, it was made mandatory for all government and private health facilities (including medical colleges) to report all suspected, probable, and confirmed human rabies cases to the State Health department.

Karnataka reported 22 human rabies deaths in 2020, 28 in 2021, 32 in 2022, four in 2023, and three this year so far.

After re-evaluation, 14 students found eligible for college admission under sports quota

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports has re-evaluated all applications under the sports quota for admissions to professional courses like engineering, following widespread opposition to its earlier list. A total of 14 students who had not made it to the list earlier have now been deemed eligible.

A total of over 3,500 students had applied under the sports quota for 170 seats available under this quota for the academic year 2024-25. Of them, DYE & S issued a list that claimed 26 students qualified for the quota. That has now gone up to 40.

According to the new sports policy by Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA), students must have participated in national/international level events in two out of three years (between classes 10 and 12) to be eligible for sports quota.

However, for this particular batch of students who have qualified in CET-2024 and are aspiring for professional course seats under the sports quota, there were no sports events held during 2021 and 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Several organisers, including the School Games Federation of India (SGFI), conducted events for 2022-23 and 2023-24 together. On these grounds, several students and their parents called for a re-evaluation of sports quota applications, and some of them even approached the High Court, which issued an interim order directing a re-evaluation.

"After the re-evaluation, the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports has issued an additional list of 14 eligible candidates under the sports quota. Therefore, we will consider these candidates for seat allotment under the sports quota," said Prasanna H., Executive Director of KEA.

Three killed, 12 injured in head-on collision between car and tempo traveller

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The accident took place near Dandupalya gate on the outskirts of Chintamani on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A couple and their son were killed on the spot when their car was involved in a head-on collision with a tempo traveller near Dandupalya gate on the outskirts of Chintamani on Wednesday.

The deceased have been identified as Sreenivasulu, 50, his wife Pushpa, and son Srikanth. According to the police, the deceased are from Electronics City and were heading to Nelluru to attend a family function.

The probe revealed that the car, driven by Srikanth in a rash manner, overtook a vehicle and failed to notice the tempo traveller coming from the opposite direction. The car crashed into the tempo traveller and the trio was killed on the spot. The front portion of the car was mangled and the police, along with the passersby, struggled to extricate the bodies.

As many as 12 people, including the driver of the tempo traveller, who were travelling from Boyakonda to Bengaluru, were injured but are out of danger.

The Kencharlahalli police have registered a case of rash and negligent driving and death due to negligence. Superintendent of Police Kushal Chowksey supervised the investigation.

Helpline for guarantee schemes

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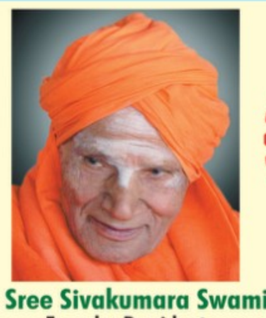
The Guarantee Schemes Implementation Committee (GSIC) for Bengaluru has announced helpline number 9480683972 to register complaints regarding implementation of the five schemes in Bengaluru city. "Once the complaint is registered, it will be forwarded to the officer concerned. The committee will monitor this process," said G. Krishnappa, chairman of GSIC for Bengaluru.

Each of the 28 Assembly constituencies has a GSIC and there is an apex committee at the city level. "We have discussed how the grievances of the beneficiaries can be addressed and what measures should be taken to fully implement the five guarantee schemes," Mr. Krishnappa said.



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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The number of D-voters in Assam, according to the CM

1.2 in lakh. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said nearly 1.2 lakh people had been identified as 'D' (dubious or doubtful) voters of which 41,583 have been declared as foreigners. The concept of 'D' voters was introduced in Assam in 1997. PTI

GQG Partners increases its stake in GMR airports

5.17 in per cent. GQG Partners hiked its stake in GMR Airports Infrastructure by snapping up additional shares worth over ₹433 crore through open market transactions. GQG Partners is also a key investor in the Adani Group. PTI

The number of industrial cities the government will set up

12 The government approved 12 new industrial cities in 10 States with an estimated investment of ₹28,602 crore. Some of these industrial areas include Rajpura-Patiala (Punjab), Dighi (Maharashtra), Palakkad (Kerala), Agra, Prayagraj (U.P.) and Gaya in Bihar. PTI

The increase in UPI transaction volume in India by FY29

439 in billion. The total transaction volume on UPI is expected to increase to 439 billion by 2028-29 from about 131 billion in the last financial year and account for 91% of overall retail digital payments, as per a PwC India Report. PTI

Amount to be given for hydropower projects in northeast

4,136 in ₹ crore. The Union Cabinet approved equity support to northeast States for developing hydropower projects, totalling 15,000 MW capacity over the next eight years. PTI

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On Ukraine's surprise incursion into Kursk

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In the early hours of August 6, the regional government of Kursk, a federal subject of Russia that borders Ukraine to the west, sent an alarm on its Telegram channel asking residents to run for shelter from incoming missile attacks. Hours later, the channel posted images of dilapidated residential buildings, with a message from Alexey Smirnov, the Acting Governor of the region, "Tonight, the city of Sudzha was shelled from the Ukrainian side. Several residential buildings were severely damaged." Ukraine had launched a surprise incursion into Russia's southwestern province of Kursk, in the first ground invasion of the country or the erstwhile Soviet Union since World War II.

Though the Russian Ministry of Defence was quick to claim that it had repelled several raids by Ukrainian forces, equipped with almost a battalion's worth of tanks and armoured vehicles, geolocated footage by the Washington DC-based Institute of Study of War (ISW) showed otherwise. In its August 7 update, the ISW said that the armoured vehicles had advanced to positions about 10 kilometres from the international border with Sumy of Ukraine. Russia's line of fortification was clearly breached.

The implication of the attack

The attack, executed with great operational security, caught Moscow off-guard and raised questions of an intelligence failure. On August 7, Russian President Vladimir Putin accused Kyiv of a "large-scale provocation" even as the Chief of the General Staff Army General Valery Gerasimov tried to down play the situation by stating that it was "largely under control".

The Ukrainian forces continued their rapid advancement into Kursk in the subsequent days, seizing villages and capturing conscripts as they pushed forward. On August 16, they destroyed two bridges across the Seim. Another was struck on August 19.

As of August 19, according to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, his forces were in control of 92 settlements in Kursk and 1,250 square kilometres of Russian territory. Mr. Smirnov, apprising Mr. Putin of the situation on August 22, said that 1,33,190 people have been evacuated from these territories.

For Ukraine, the prolonged war, which has now dragged on for two-and-a-half years, took a turn for the worse in May this year as Russian forces began an offensive in Kharkiv – its second-largest city. Already losing ground in the east, where Moscow has continued its aggression since the beginning of the war, Kyiv now saw the battle lines stretching and was clearly on the back foot. The August 6 offensive was, in a way, its last attempt to alter battle dynamics.

The rationale

Strategically, the surprise incursion serves several purposes for Kyiv. It could be seen as a diversion tactic employed to force Russia to shift its forces from the ongoing offensive in the east or Kharkiv. The geographical significance of planning the attack on Kursk is also to be noted, as a ground invasion there would disrupt the movement of the Russian forces to Kharkiv, which is southeast of Sumy.

According to Mr. Zelenskyy, however, the aim of the operation was to "create a buffer zone" that would prevent further attacks from Russia across the border. As quoted by the ISW, Mr. Zelenskyy stated that Russian forces had conducted almost 2,100 artillery strikes from Kursk against Sumy since June 1.

If Kyiv manages to hold on to the buffer zone it has created through the territorial advancement made into Kursk, it may also act as leverage in the eventuality of any future negotiations with Moscow. This is of much more significance, especially at a time when the U.S., Kyiv's biggest arms supplier, is going to the polls in November. Washington had put its security assistance to Kyiv on the back burner for months, as Congress was divided on the issue with the Republicans opposing further aid to Ukraine. In June, U.S. President Joe Biden even issued a public apology to Mr. Zelenskyy for the months-long hold-up.

Republican nominee and former U.S. President Donald Trump, on the other hand, pledged in July to end the war by negotiating a deal with Kyiv and Moscow. Mr. Trump has always postured himself as someone who could end the war quickly, even though he has not made it clear how he intends to achieve it. His running mate J.D. Vance, meanwhile, is among the group of Republicans who advocate for dropping military aid to Kyiv. With Mr. Biden out of the presidential race and Mr. Trump's victory not out of the picture, Kyiv knows that assistance from the U.S. may no longer be guaranteed post-November. Germany, Europe's main supplier of aid to Kyiv, has also recently announced that it would cut down on the assistance in 2025. With several such uncertainties looming, Kyiv has been forced to make hay while the sun shines.

Whether or not the offensive ends up being a strategic success, Kyiv, by bringing the war directly to Russian territory, has announced to the world that Moscow's theatre of war is not impregnable. It has made a statement before its arms suppliers and the rest of the world that Moscow has its vulnerabilities, akin to what the Prigozhin mutiny or Wagner Group rebellion exposed last year.

The Russian response

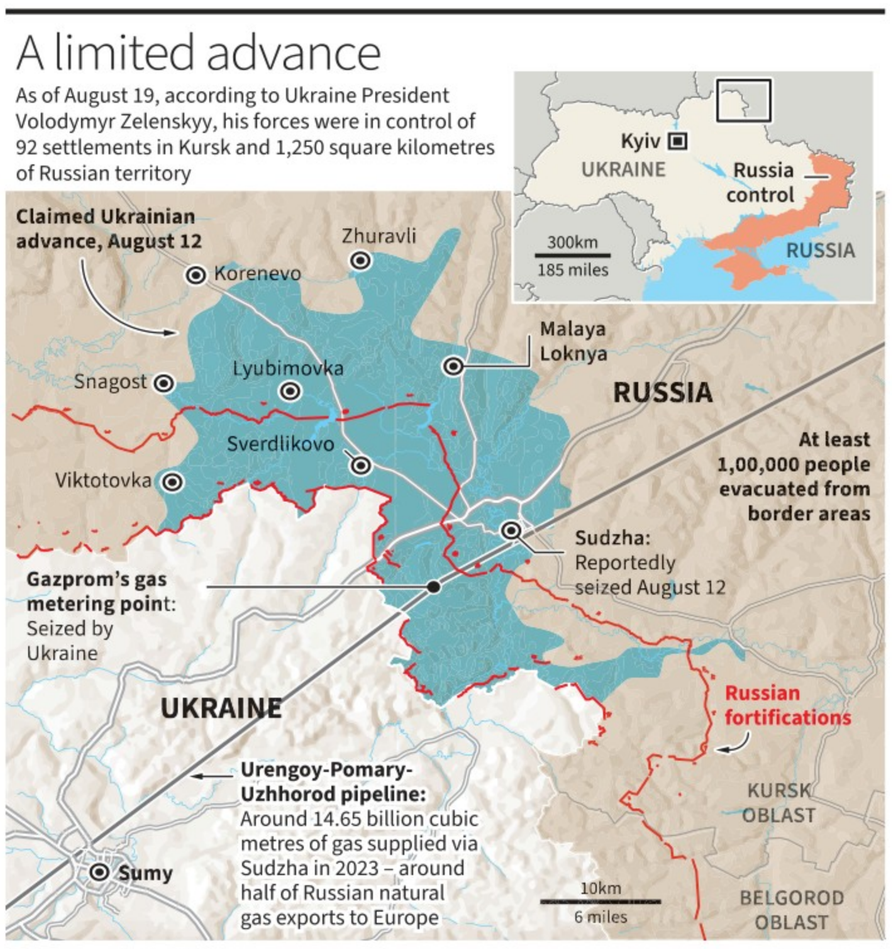
After initial efforts to play down the Kursk offensive, Moscow's response to the situation has not been a direct one. Rather than redeploying its troops from the east to put a halt to the incursion in Kursk, it has stepped on the pedal in areas where it already had momentum and was making advancements.

Since the Kursk incursion, Moscow has made significant gains in its bid to siege the town of Pokrovsk, an important logistics hub that connects Kyiv's frontlines in the east. In fact, it has claimed that it has already captured the town of Niu-York, another important logistics hub which is just 40 miles away from Pokrovsk. The fall of Pokrovsk, if it happens, could be a further boost to Moscow's attempts to take full control of the Donetsk region, which it had declared annexed in 2022. For Putin, this would help in offsetting the nationalist backlash and counterbalance the losses in Kursk. The Russian military command has also beefed up the defence in Kursk by redeploying some forces from Kharkiv.

What lies ahead?

While Kyiv has shifted the war's narrative through the surprise incursion, it remains to be seen what it will gain from the move in the long term. Whether a situation of diplomatic brinkmanship will give it an advantage in negotiations or whether Russia's counteroffensive will shift the balance again is unknown at this point.

Gaining ground: Ukrainian servicemen ride a military vehicle, near the Russian border in the Sumy region, Ukraine on August 10. REUTERS



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Hosur metro extension: Nothing finalised, says BMRCL

The Tamil Nadu government's proposal to build an international airport in Hosur and extend Namma Metro to Hosur has raised concerns in Karnataka

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Despite Karnataka's lack of enthusiasm for the project, Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) aggressively pushing for extending the metro line from Bommasandra in Bengaluru to Hosur in Tamil Nadu has raised concerns in the State government.

CMRL officials met Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) on August 27 to discuss extending the metro line to Hosur. However, BMRCL officials clarified on August 28 that nothing had been finalised, as the Detailed Feasibility Study Report is incomplete.

This move to extend Bengaluru's Namma Metro line to Hosur, an industrial hub just across the inter-State border, comes close on the heels of Tamil Nadu government's announcement two months ago about a plan to construct an international airport in Hosur.

As demand for a second airport for Bengaluru grows louder and the State government is scouting for land for the same, an international airport in Hosur with seamless metro connectivity from Bengaluru's IT corridor has raised concerns in Karnataka. It could not only kill the second airport project for Bengaluru but also could potentially divert investments away from the city, it is feared.

Chennai Metro Rail Ltd. is pushing for extending the metro line from Bommasandra in Bengaluru to Hosur in Tamil Nadu. FILE PHOTO

Kempegowda International Airport, located in Devanahalli on the northern outskirts of the city, is too far from the city's IT corridor on its south-eastern outskirts, while Hosur is a short distance away.

CMRL, BMRCL MDs meet

On August 28, BMRCL confirmed that the Managing Director of CMRL, M.A. Siddique, held discussions with BMRCL Managing Director M. Maheshwar Rao at the BMRCL office in Shanti Nagar. A senior official from BMRCL shared that the Chennai Metro officials presented the technical aspects of the project, noting that the Detailed Feasibility Study Report (DFR) they have been working on is nearing completion.

There is some uncertainty regarding how the cost will be shared between the two States, with senior officials suggesting that Karnataka may not contribute to the project financially since it originated from Tamil Nadu's side.

BMRCL officials, however, refrained from commenting on how the metro construction on the Karnataka side would proceed, pending completion of the DFR. "Decisions regarding funding for the metro line will be made only after the DFR is finalised," a BMRCL official said, adding that nothing concrete was decided or finalised during the meeting.

CMRL officials, on their part, have been actively assessing the feasibility of extending the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) line from Bommasandra to Hosur via Attibele. This proposed extension spans 23 km, with approximately 11 km falling within Tamil Nadu and 12 km in Karnataka. The line is expected to feature 12 metro stations and a depot, significantly enhancing transportation infrastructure between the two regions.

Yellow Line

The Hosur Metro is planned to connect with the upcoming Yellow Line of Bengaluru Metro. The 18.82-kilometre Yellow Line, which is scheduled to become operational by the end of this year, will connect R.V. Road station with Bommasandra. It is expected to significantly improve connectivity to areas in south Bengaluru, particularly those hosting major IT and biotech companies, such as Infosys and Biocon.

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Garlic, onion see rise in price as weather conditions hit supply chain

Mahima Nagaraju
BENGALURU

For the second time this year, the price of garlic has touched ₹350-₹400 per kg in the wholesale markets and around ₹400-₹500 in retail. Its price has gone up by almost ₹60 per kg in the last week, as untoward weather conditions have led to a supply crunch in the market.

Earlier in February, due to a delayed sowing-harvesting cycle, garlic was selling at ₹400-₹500 per kg in the markets. This time, traders said that the harsh summer season affected the quality of the new crop.

"Most of the garlic supply comes from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Uttar Pradesh. The crop is planted from September to October and harvested from January to March. Because the summer in March was especially harsh this year, the crops coming from UP and Gujarat were spoiled. Hence, the entire country is depending on garlic from Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, which has led to a shortfall of supply," said Deepak J Shah, Secretary of Bengaluru Wholesale Garlic Traders' Association.

Traders say the harsh summer season affected the quality of the new crop. FILE PHOTO

Similarly, the price of onions has also gone up by ₹10-₹15 per kg, even in wholesale markets, due to a shortage of supply. B. Ravi Shankar, secretary of the Onion Merchants' Association of Bengaluru, attributed the price hike to the loss of crops in Karnataka and stockpiling by Maharashtra suppliers.

"Maharashtra farmers harvest onions in May-June and stockpile them. They release them into the market in small batches when it rains, and it is said that 50% of crops (in other places) have gone bad. Karnataka's farmers harvest onions in August but some of it has gone bad because of the rains. We are hoping that the onions which will be harvested in September will be of good quality," Mr. Shankar explained.

He expects prices to reduce in the next week if there are no heavy rains that cause crop damage. "If it rains heavily before September and crop gets damaged, prices will go up again. If it does not rain, prices will come down in the next week," he said.

Consumers are cutting corners by buying fewer quantities of onions than usual, hoping that prices will reduce next week. Bramara, a shopper at Madivala market, said, "10 days ago, I was able to buy three kg of onions for ₹100, but today (Tuesday), I could only buy 1.5 kg for ₹100. I am hoping that prices come down next week so I can buy the remaining quantity."

Meanwhile, the monsoon has also led to the prices of some green leafy vegetables like coriander and spinach to shoot up. A bunch of coriander is selling at anywhere between ₹40 and ₹80 depending on the quality, while spinach is selling at ₹40-₹50 per bunch. Hamsalekha, a vegetable seller in Jayanagar, said, "The price in wholesale markets has only gone up to ₹40 a bunch for coriander. On top of that, we have to shell another ₹30 on transport. We have to sell it at these prices to make a profit of at least ₹10."

Prominent persons nominated to State varsity syndicates

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government nominated 80 individuals to the syndicates of 13 State universities on Tuesday.

Prominent writers Banjagere Jayaprakash and Nataraj Huliyar were nominated as syndicate members of Kannada University, Hampi. Senior academic K. Phaniraj and senior journalist N.A.M. Ismail were also nominated to the same syndicate.

Former professor of Kannada literature at Hampi University, Amaresh Nugadoni, was appointed as a syndicate member of Vijayanagar Srikrishna Devaraya University, Ballari, while senior journalist Cha. Ha. Raghunath and activist B. Peer Basha were also nominated to the same syndicate.

While Sahitya Akademi award winner S. Nataraja Budal was nominated to the syndicate of Akkamahadevi University, Vijayapura, writer H.S. Anupama was nominated to the syndicate of Karnataka University, Dharwad, and writer Mogalli Ganesh to the syndicate of Karnataka Folklore University.

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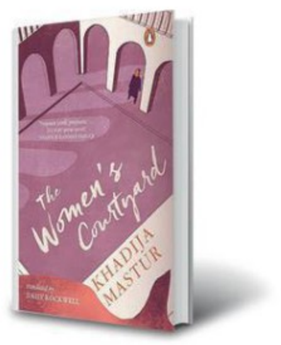

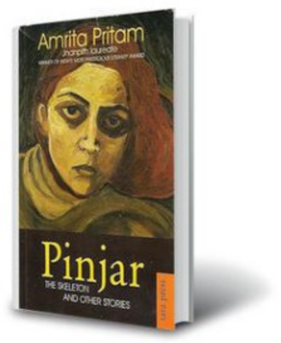

Lingering trauma: A nurse with child victims of communal violence in Amritsar, during the Partition in 1947. Their mother was stabbed to death in the riots. GETTY IMAGES

Revealing the untold: translated stories of Partition, written by women

The works of women writers like Geetanjali Shree, Ismat Chughtai, Krishna Sobti and Qurratulain Hyder contribute to a more nuanced and inclusive understanding of Partition history. It provides a female perspective in a genre where discussions have largely been dominated by male writers

K.S. Swati

Translation works that had long lurked in the shadows, eagerly awaiting exposure, finally received their global recognition in 2022.

That year, Geetanjali Shree's *Ret Samadhi*, translated from Hindi by Daisy Rockwell as *Tomb of Sand*, won the International Booker Prize. Now gaining wide readership, Shree's 1998 Hindi work *Hamara Shahar Us Baras*, translated by Rockwell as *Our City That Year*, is set to be released on August 30, bringing into the limelight the importance of women's translated books, especially those on Partition literature.

Unlike borders that can be shifted by a stroke of a pen, human identities are deeply rooted; a new homeland cannot replace a lifetime of belonging. The horrors of Partition – 14.5 million people displaced, brutal violence inflicted on women, men, and children, countless women abducted, and myriad other atrocities – have been extensively documented and discussed. However, history has often overlooked the other side of the coin: the experiences of women caught in this crossfire. Confined within their homes against their wishes while men fought wars, their sacrifices and silence have largely gone unnoticed. Yet, a few unwavering women dared to write about the loss of identity, the pangs of nostalgia, the quest for a new sense of self in a shattered world, and the longing to return to their homeland.

Through these translations, we gain insight into the lives of women who, constrained by societal norms and confined spaces, bore the emotional and practical consequences of the Partition.

Fear and nostalgia

In Ismat Chughtai's *Jadien* (1972), translated as *Roots* by M. Asaduddin and included in the short story collection *Lifting the Veil* published in 2001, Chughtai explores the fear of what the future holds and the unwillingness to let go of the past, as it is tied to one's identity. In this short story, the narrator's mother refuses to go to the new country while the rest of the family decides to leave. Having spent her entire life in a house where every nook and cranny is filled with memories – of her marriage, bearing children, burying an umbilical cord in the courtyard, and finally witnessing her husband's last breath – how could she make a new country her identity? If her homeland no longer recognised her, how would the new country, she pondered.

In Khadija Mastur's *Aangan*, published in 1962 and translated into English in 2018 by Rockwell as *Women's Courtyard*, we witness the claustrophobic lives of women confined within the four walls of their homes.

It discusses how while men step out to fight for justice, it is the women who bear the emotional and financial burdens of their decisions. The protagonist's mother sacrifices her desire in order to protect her children and maintain family stability despite financial woes. The protagonist, who dreams of pursuing higher education, is instead forced to handle domestic chores against her wishes.

The courtyard becomes both a literal and symbolic prison, illustrating the narrow roles imposed on women and how their autonomy is constrained by societal structures.

Trapped identities

In a patriarchal society, women are seen as symbols of family honour. Therefore, any act of violence against them is seen as a sign of disgrace to the family, as is elucidated in Amrita Pritam's *Pinjar* (1950), a novella translated from Punjabi by Khushwant Singh as *Skeleton* in 2002. The protagonist is kidnapped by a man on the eve of her wedding night as he wanted to take revenge on her family. When she manages to escape from his clutches, her family refuses to accept her. Disgraced, disheartened and displaced, she has no option but to return to her husband. With her name changed, she struggles to accept her new identity and longs for identity, family and home. The novella reveals that the status of women is a product of the political and social manipulations of the time.

In Krishna Sobti's *Gujarat Pakistan Se Gujarat Hindustan Tak* translated from Hindi by Rockwell as *Gujarat Here, Gujarat there*, the protagonist, Krishna, wrestles with questions of identity in the aftermath of displacement. The Partition compels her to redefine herself as she navigates a transformed socio-political landscape. It underscores the dual burden of confronting both societal norms and the trauma of displacement. In the want of carving her own niche, the protagonist applies for a job in the princely state of Sirohi. However, she faces prejudice as a refugee and is often subjected to sexist comments from her previous employer. Yet, she remains deterred. Once she gets the job of becoming a governess to the child maharaja, hope for a new identity emerges but the future remains bleak. The title symbolises the fractured identities of those affected by Partition, with 'Gujarat' representing both a place of belonging and a lost homeland.

The world of the protagonist changed at the stroke of midnight in Qurrantulain Hyder's *Mere Bhi Sanamkhane* in Urdu, translated as *My Temples, Too* by Hyder and published in 2004. In a war-torn country, which the protagonist once envisioned was finally a just and orderly country, was marred with not just violence but also shattered her hopes, dreams and her world.

This inner turmoil drives her to a state of emotional and existential crisis, as she struggles to reconcile the shattered world around her with the hopes and dreams of her youth. The chaos of Partition forces her to confront the loss of her cultural and social world, leaving her with a profound sense of alienation and disillusionment.

Through the stories of these women, the translated works contribute to a more nuanced and inclusive understanding of Partition history. It provides a female perspective in a genre where discussions have largely been dominated by male writers focusing only on the horror and crime inflicted on women.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Test your knowledge on the history of the Paralympics that got underway on August 28

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
What was the predecessor of the Paralympics held in 1948 called and in which year and where were the first Paralympic Games held?

QUESTION 2
Name the only sports in the Paralympic programme that does not have an Olympic counterpart.

QUESTION 3
What unique distinction does the Hungarian fencer Pal Szekeres have?

QUESTION 4
According to the International Paralympic Committee, who is the most decorated Paralympian of all time with 46 medals, including 32 gold, nine silver, and five bronze medals?

QUESTION 5
Since which edition have the Olympic and Paralympic Games been held in the same city and at the same venues?

QUESTION 6
What is *Agitos* (Latin for 'I Move') in the context of the Paralympic Games?

QUESTION 7
What is special about some category of medallists in para athletics, para triathlon, and para cycling?

QUESTION 8
Apart from para swimming, which are the two other disciplines that are open to athletes with an intellectual disability?

Visual question:
Identify this first Indian Paralympic gold medallist receiving the Padma Shri and in which event did he achieve success in 1972? PTI

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The purpose of the March on Washington. **Ans: The purpose of the march was to advocate for the civil and economic rights of African Americans.**
2. African Americans were freed from slavery under this amendment of the U.S. Constitution. **Ans: Thirteenth Amendment**
3. This author was prevented from speaking at the March because his comments would be too inflammatory. **Ans: James Baldwin**
4. The march is credited with helping to pass this landmark civil rights and labour law in the United States. **Ans: The Civil Rights Act of 1964**
5. Folk singer Joan Baez led a crowd of 3,000 in singing this song during the march. **Ans: 'We Shall Overcome'**
Visual: Identify this speaker and name his speech. **Ans: Martin Luther King Jr, 'I Have a Dream'**
Early Birds: K.N. Viswanathan| Tamal Biswas| Sunil Kannada| Yasir Manoor| Pranab Biswas

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"This is where you have gone wrong. Instead of calculating... What's the matter? You don't feel all right?"
"No. Can I use your lavatory?"
"Sure. Go straight; it is the second door on the right"
"Feeling better?"
"Yes. Thank you."
"Don't ask your host or hostess to show you the lavatory or latrine."
"What should I say?"
"Can I use your bathroom, please? Can I use your toilet please? These are polite expressions."
"What's wrong with 'lavatory'?"
"Nothing wrong except that it is not good manners to use it in company. There was a time when it was a respectable word. We are all embarrassed to talk about bodily functions. We don't refer to them directly. We use euphemisms."
"What's a euphemism?"
"A euphemism is a 'mild or vague expression substituted for one thought to be too harsh or direct.' It is a substitute for an expression that may offend or suggest something unpleasant. People go to ridiculous lengths to avoid saying what they consider to be unpleasant. Your host will be greatly shocked and offended if you ask him where you could urinate. 'Bathroom,' 'toilet,' are euphemisms. These are the ones that are generally used. There are many more."
"So euphemisms are expressions that are used to describe bodily functions."
"No. They are not restricted to bodily functions. For example, you don't want to say bluntly 'He died.' You soften the blow by saying 'He passed away.' In our culture, we tend to say 'He reached the Lotus feet of the Lord.' Governments and advertisers also use euphemisms. The following are some: garbage man – sanitary engineer; undertaker – funeral director; wire-tapping – electronic surveillance; bombing raids – protective retaliation; War department – Defence department; poor countries – developing countries; taxes – revenue enhancements; invasions – incursions; toilet for men – Gents; toilet for women – Ladies; a meeting in conflict – encounter.
I'll read out to you an interesting letter written by a passenger on July 2, 1909 to the White District Transportation Superintendent of Sahibganj Station then in Bengal. In those days, there was no toilet facility on trains. 'Privy' was the word that was used once for 'toilet'."
"Dear Sir,
I am arrive by passenger train at Ahmedpore station and my belly is too much swelling with jackfruit. I am therefore went to privy. Just as I am doing the nuisance, the guard making whistle blow for train to go off and I am running with lotah in one hand and dhotie in the next when I am fall over and expose all my shockings to man, female women on platform. I am get leaved at Ahmedpore station. This too much bad. If passenger go make dung, that damn guard no wait train five minutes for him. I am therefore pray your honour to make big fine in that guard for public sake. Other I am making big reports to papers.
Yours faithful servant,
Sd. Okhil Ch. Sen"
Published in The Hindu on March 16, 1993.

Word of the day

Menial:
used in relation to unskilled work

Synonyms: humble, lowly

Usage: *The government has been criticised for forcing jobseekers to do menial unpaid work.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/menialpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈmiːniːəl/

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Pushkar Singh Dhami,
Chief Minister

UCC TIMELINE

Announcement: Feb 12, 2022
5-member panel formed: May 27, 2022
2 sub-committees: August 22, 2022
Draft submitted: February 2, 2024
Cabinet approval: February 4, 2024
Table in assembly: February 6, 2024
Passed in assembly: February 7, 2024
9-member panel to draft rules: February 10, 2024
Presidential assent: March 11, 2024

PLANS AHEADS

- **2 sub-committees to submit report before Aug 31**
- **1 sub-committee to submit report before Sept 30**
- **To be implemented around Nov 9 (state foundation day)**

Opportunities for growth

Uttarakhand steers ahead towards a promising pathway to economic empowerment, social justice, and growth

The implementation of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in Uttarakhand presents a significant opportunity for economic empowerment and growth.

One of the foremost advantages of the UCC is the simplification of legal procedures related to property and inheritance. Currently, different religious communities in India follow their laws, leading to a complex legal landscape. This complexity can create ambiguities and disputes, deterring investment and economic activities. With the UCC in place, all citizens in Uttarakhand will follow the same set of rules. This clarity will boost investor confidence and encourage both domestic and international investments in the region.

Empowering women: Bridging the gender gap

The UCC also holds the potential to significantly empower women economically. In many personal laws, women have traditionally been at a disadvantage regarding inheritance and property rights. The UCC, by providing equal rights to all individuals, irrespective of gender, can rectify these historical injustices.

Empowering women in this way is not only a matter of social justice but also an economic imperative, as it can lead to higher household incomes, improved economic productivity, and overall economic growth.

Economic empowerment: From equality to prosperity

Entrepreneurs and businesses will benefit from standardised laws, reducing the time and costs involved in legal compliance. This can make Uttarakhand an appealing destination for new businesses and startups, encouraging a thriving entrepreneurial environment. Simplified legal processes and decreased administrative obstacles can boost economic activity, job creation, and innovation in the state.

Furthermore, the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) can contribute to social harmony and cohesion, which are crucial for maintaining a stable economic environment. A more harmonious society creates an environment that is favourable for economic activities, as it promotes trust, cooperation, and a sense of community. This stability can also attract more tourists, investors, and businesses to Uttarakhand.

Uttarakhand stands to gain significantly in terms of economic development and improved quality of life for its citizens and a promising pathway to economic empowerment and growth.

With the Uniform Civil Code, CM Pushkar Singh Dhami led Uttarakhand government has taken significant strides towards promoting equality and ensuring equal rights for all its citizens

Uniform Civil Code: Promoting equality

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami led government, with the vision of bringing uniformity in the society by providing same set of laws regarding marriage, divorce, land, property and inheritance to all people of Uttarakhand - irrespective of their faith - has taken the initiative to implement Uniform Civil Code in the Himalayan state. With CM Dhami announcing to implement UCC before November 9 – the state foundation day – Uttarakhand is on path of becoming the first state of the country, since Independence, to implement UCC. The law that intends to increase social harmony, promote gender justice and empower women, is in compliance with the provisions of Article 44 of the Constitution.

UNIFIED LAW, UNIFIED GROWTH

Uttarakhand's initiative to implement the UCC marks a significant step towards realising the constitutional mandate of equal rights for all. The state's leadership has recognised that diverse personal laws can perpetuate inequalities and impede social justice. By adopting the Code, Uttarakhand aims to streamline its legal system, ensuring all citizens are subject to the same laws and thus fostering a more inclusive and equitable society.

TIMELINE TO THE HISTORIC BILL

The bill was introduced in the state legislative assembly on Feb 6 and was passed on Feb 7 during a special session of the Uttarakhand assembly. A nine-member panel drafted rules on Feb 10. Gurmit Singh, Uttarakhand governor, referred the bill sent by the state government to President Murmu for her approval, which she approved on March 11. This makes Uttarakhand the first state in the country to implement the UCC. Pushkar Singh Dhami, chief minister, Uttarakhand, declared it as a historic day and stated that his state will implement the UCC before State Foundation Day (November 9).

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>> Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India and Pushkar Singh Dhami, CM Uttarakhand

The proposed law has 392 sections divided into four parts and seven chapters providing equal rights to women in marriage, divorce, alimony, and inheritance of property, proscribes certain kinds of relationships, bans polygamy, sets the marriageable age for men and women (21 years and 18 years respectively), and makes registration of marriages mandatory

ENSURING EQUAL RIGHTS TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN

One of the primary benefits of UCC is the promotion of gender equality. UCC would eliminate disparities and gender biases, ensuring that women have equal rights to property and inheritance, regardless of their religion.

The UCC also promises to uphold children's rights by standardizing adoption laws. Currently, different religious communities have varying practices regarding adoption, with some not recognising it at all. The UCC would establish a uniform legal framework, guaranteeing that all children have the same rights to a family environment, irrespective of their background.

PROMOTING SOCIAL HARMONY

In a diverse state like Uttarakhand, where different religious and ethnic communities coexist, the UCC would reinforce the principle that all citizens are equal before the law, thus promoting a more harmonious and integrated society.

>> CM Pushkar Singh Dhami in discussion with UCC Panel

SIMPLIFYING LEGAL SYSTEM

The implementation of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) would simplify the legal system in Uttarakhand. The presence of multiple personal laws complicates legal proceedings and can result in conflicting judgments. UCC would establish a single legal framework for all civil matters, making the judicial process more streamlined and efficient.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Uniform civil laws can have positive economic implications. By ensuring that property rights are clear and consistent, a UCC can create a more predictable environment for economic activities. This legal clarity can encourage investments and economic development, contributing to the overall growth of the state. Additionally, by securing women's property rights, UCC would empower women economically, allowing them to participate more fully in economic activities.

As Uttarakhand leads the way, it sets a precedent for other states to follow, bringing India closer to the constitutional ideal of equality for all.

"I congratulate Uttarakhand government on the remarkable progress achieved in the last few years. This has been made possible by sustained policy push and focus on key sectors such as tourism and renewable energy. Alongside, the state has made significant strides in infrastructure development, setting new benchmarks for sustainable growth. Uttarakhand's commitment to harnessing its natural resources and promoting tourism has not only bolstered its economy but also showcased its potential on the global stage. I applaud the state's dedication to inclusive development and look forward to its continued success in the years ahead.

Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister

WHAT UCC AIMS

- Provide security and empowerment to weak, poor, and sensitive section of society.
- Connect women, children, youth, and the elderly of every section with the mainstream of development.
- Promote the feeling of unity, integrity, and nationalism through a uniform law.
- Encourage daughters and sons for higher education by increasing the age of marriage.
- Create a prosperous society by ending evil practices that have been going on for years.
- Eliminate discrimination between son-daughter and man-woman by giving equal rights to people of all communities.

Benefits of a Uniform Civil Code for Uttarakhand's judicial system

Uttarakhand's initiative to implement the UCC is a significant step towards legal simplification, promising numerous benefits for the state's judicial system. Read to know more...

The concept of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) has long been a subject of discussion in India, aiming to replace the personal laws of various religious communities with a common set of rules applicable to all citizens. One of the primary advantages of the UCC is the simplification of legal processes. Currently, personal laws in India vary significantly among different religious communities, leading to complexities and inconsistencies in the legal system. For instance, laws governing marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption differ for different communities.

By introducing UCC, Uttarakhand aims to establish a single, cohesive legal framework that applies to all citizens. This uniformity will streamline legal procedures, reduce ambiguities, and enhance the efficiency of the judicial process.

Legal reforms and social progress

In a country where we have more than 5 crore pending court cases, the UCC will facilitate quicker resolution of legal disputes. With a standardised set of laws, courts can process cases more swiftly, as judges will no longer need to interpret varying personal laws. This will significantly reduce the backlog of cases and ensure timely delivery of justice. For instance, disputes over inheritance and property rights, which often involve complex interpretations of personal laws, can be resolved more expediently under the UCC. This efficiency will not only benefit the judiciary but also provide relief to citizens who often endure prolonged legal battles.

PIC: DIPR, UTTARAKHAND GOVERNMENT

The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) brings about a significant benefit by promoting equality before the law. The implementation of UCC will eliminate discrepancies, ensuring that all citizens are treated equally under the law. Furthermore, laws about parental rights on property, the legitimacy of children born in live-in relationships, and equal property rights will prove beneficial in the long term. The UCC represents a move towards gender equality and non-discrimination, upholding the principles of the Indian Constitution and fostering social justice and inclusivity.

Economic growth through legal uniformity

The Uniform Civil Code aims to improve the transparency and predictability of legal outcomes. This will help citizens gain a clear understanding of their rights and obligations, leading to better compliance with the law. By adopting UCC, the state is aligning with the constitutional vision of uniformity and equality.

After the implementation of the Anti-Copying Law, it has proven to be a game changer in the state

Anti-Copying Law boosts job creation in U'Khand

The Anti-Copying Law has addressed several concerns like cheating, corruption, and favouritism head-on. By establishing stringent measures to prevent malpractises the state has ensured a level playing field for all aspirants. With the law in place, government examinations have become more transparent and fair.

POSITIVE EFFECTS

Boosting job creation: Ever since CM Dhami took charge, 15 thousand jobs have been created. And after the implementation of the Anti-Copying Law, Uttarakhand has conducted exams and more than 10,000 government positions have been filled, providing employment opportunities across various sectors. The implementation of this law has led to fewer exam delays and instances of malpractice, enabling the government to speed up the recruitment process.

Restoring public trust: Candidates now have greater confidence that their hard work and merit will be fairly evaluated, leading to more genuine and competitive participation in government exams. This renewed trust has also motivated more individuals to pursue government jobs, knowing that the selection process is unbiased and transparent.

PIC: DIPR, UTTARAKHAND GOVERNMENT

>> CM Pushkar Singh Dhami presiding over a meeting on Anti Copying Law

Long-term benefits: A transparent and fair recruitment system attracts more qualified and competent individuals to public service, ultimately enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the government workforce. This, in turn, leads to better governance and improved public services, contributing to the overall development of the state.

Future prospects: To sustain its effectiveness, it is crucial to ensure strict enforcement, maintain technological infrastructure to prevent malpractice, and continuously update the law to counter new cheating methods. Additionally, the government must focus on creating awareness among candidates about the law and its benefits to foster a culture of integrity and honesty. With continued efforts and commitment to upholding the principles of this law, Uttarakhand can look forward to sustained progress and development in the years to come.

Ensuring progress

UCC has some key features that will help the CM Dhami led government promote social justice and equality

KEY FEATURES OF THE UCC

Equal rights for husband and wife
Under the UCC, the rights and responsibilities of husband and wife are equal. This ensures that both partners have the same legal standing and obligations in their marriage.

Exclusion of scheduled tribes
The UCC thoughtfully excludes scheduled tribes from its scope, recognising the importance of preserving their distinct cultural practices and traditions. This respectful approach ensures that the unique identity and heritage are safeguarded.

Legitimacy of children born in live-in relationships
Children born during a live-in relationship are granted legitimacy under the UCC. These children are entitled to all the rights of a biological child, ensuring that they are not disadvantaged or stigmatised. This provision protects the welfare and rights of all children, promoting their acceptance in society.

Equal property rights
The UCC provisions equal property rights for sons and daughters across all religious communities. This ensures that inheritance laws are fair and non-discriminatory, empowering women with the same economic rights and opportunities as men.

Uniform marriage age
The UCC standardises the minimum age for marriage across all religions, setting it at 21 years for boys and 18 years for girls.

Mandatory registration for live-in relationships
To provide legal recognition and protection to live-in relationships, the UCC mandates their registration. This ensures that partners have clear legal rights and responsibilities.

Equal rights on divorce
The UCC ensures equal rights for both husband and wife, guaranteeing fair dissolution of marriage with equitable treatment.

Mandatory marriage registration
All marriages to be registered within a stipulated time. This mandatory registration helps maintain accurate records and provides legal clarity and protection to married couples.

Equality for men and women of all religions and sects
The UCC ensures equal rights for individuals of all religions and sects, thus fostering inclusivity and eradicating gender and religious-based discrimination.

Anti-Copying Law: A bold step towards recruitment integrity

The new law underscores the state government's commitment to establish a fair and just recruitment system. Anti-Copying Law addresses the same

In a significant step to uphold the integrity of education and discourage misconduct in competitive exams, the Anti-Copying Law has been implemented in Uttarakhand. This new law entails strict penalties, including the potential for life imprisonment, for individuals involved in or aiding cheating.

Anti-Copying Law: A necessary reform

The integrity of job examinations is crucial to maintaining a fair and merit-based recruitment process. However, with the increasing instances of cheating and unfair practices, the need for stringent measures has become more pressing than ever.

The Anti-Copying Law is designed to address this issue comprehensively by introducing stringent penalties for those who engage in cheating. It serves as a deterrent to potential offenders and reassures students, parents, and educators that the government is serious about creating a level playing field for all.

The introduction of an anti-copying law in job exams aims to address this challenge head-on, ensuring that only the most deserving candidates earn their positions. This law not only safeguards the credibility of the examination process but also reinforces the principles of justice and transparency in employment.

Chief minister Pushkar Singh led the Govt. ruling BJP government in Uttarakhand has brought the country's strictest anti-copying law and blamed previous governments for being slack in the matter. "Why has no one in the past tried to tighten the noose around the neck of the cheating mafia? I knew an attempt would be made to intimidate us after we decided to act against the mafia involved in the paper leak. I would like to know in whose government's tenure the accused were sent to jail," Dhami said.

PIC: DIPR, UTTARAKHAND GOVERNMENT

>> CM Dhami distributing appointment letters

CM Dhami further said, "It will also have provisions for disqualification of candidates guilty of using unfair means from appearing in any examination for 10 years and confiscation of property of those facilitating cheating," The Uttarakhand Competitive Examination (Measures for Prevention and Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Ordinance came into force after the approval given by the Governor on February 10.

Upholding the sanctity

The bill aims to ensure transparency and fairness in competitive exams in the Himalayan state. The state authorities clarified that the provisions shall remain applicable only in competitive exams and not in school and college exams.

Following actions punishable under this law:

- Any involvement in unfair exam processes may result in life imprisonment and a fine of up to Rs 10 crore for individuals, printing presses, service provider organizations, management systems, or coaching institutes.
- Conspiring with such entities can lead to life imprisonment and a fine of up to Rs 10 crore.

Governor seeks clarification on 11 Bills citing several reasons

They range from pendency of cases in Supreme Court, overlapping provisions of two laws, to authority of the government

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has returned 11 Bills passed by the State legislature seeking clarifications from the government on various counts, such as pending cases in the Supreme Court, overlapping provisions of two laws, issues in creation of a new entity for a limited area, and the authority of the government.

The legislature passed the Karnataka Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 2024. The Dharwad bench of the High Court of Karnataka had struck down amendments to the Act made in 2011 and 2012. The High Court decision in this matter has been challenged in the Supreme Court, which has stayed the High Court order. Since the matter is pending before the Supreme Court, the Governor has sought more clarification on the Bill, according to sources in the State Secretariat.

Urban local body

The Gadag-Betageri Vyapara Mattu Vastu Pradarshana Padhikara Bill, 2024, has been returned with a request for an explanation on the necessity of creating a new entity for a limited area. "The proposed Bill infringes on the constitutional rights provided to the urban local body under Article 243 of the Constitution of India, and needs to be clarified legally," the Governor stated. "The City Municipal Council president had submitted a proposal on March 8, 2024, stating that the government had not discussed the issue with the local body."

The Karnataka Municipalities and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Bill, 2024, was passed to enable ULBs to levy and collect property tax from every building, vacant land, or both, including buildings constructed in violation of the provisions of building bylaws, in unauthorised layouts, revenue land, and from buildings occupied with issuance of Occupancy Certificate in the municipal or corporation areas.

To this, the Raj Bhavan stated: "It is learnt that the Karnataka Town and Country Planning (regularisation of unauthorised Development or Constructions) Rules, 2014, has been questioned in the court of law, and it is still pending for adjudication."

The Karnataka Cine and Cultural Activists (Welfare) Bill, 2024, envisages constituting a welfare board and establishing a fund for financing schemes to provide social security and welfare of cine and cultural activists in the State. On this Bill, the Governor has sought to know "whether the government has got power to levy cess on GST". Further, Indian Broadcasting & Digital Foundation has objected for the proposed Bill. Therefore, the Raj Bhavan has sought some clarifications on the Bill, sources said.

On the Karnataka Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2024, the Governor has pointed to the High Court of Karnataka striking down the Karnataka Co-operative Society (Amendment) Act, 2023 on August 8, 2024. In light of the High Court judgment, the Governor has sought to ascertain that "the amendment proposed is consistent with the Constitution of India", sources said. Further, the Governor took note of the opinion of the Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly on the matter.

2 Bills, same objective

The Sri Renuka Yellamma Temple Development Authority Bill was passed by the legislature to constitute an independent statutory body for the development and maintenance of Sri Renuka Yellamma temple in Saundatti (Belagavi). The Governor returned the Bill noting that the Shri Renuka Yellamma Kshetra Tourism Development Board Act, 2024, was enacted in February 2024, with the objective of conservation of cultural heritage of the temple.

The Governor asked: "What is the purpose and necessity of one more enactment with the same objective for the same place?"

Bills returned

- Karnataka Public Examination (Measures for prevention of corruption and unfair means in recruitment) Bill, 2023
- Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions Charitable Endowments Bill, 2024
- Karnataka Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, 2024
- Registration (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2024
- Karnataka Municipalities and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Bill, 2024
- Gadag-Betageri Vyapara Mattu Vastu Pradarshana Padhikara Bill, 2024
- Karnataka Cine and Cultural Activists (Welfare) Bill, 2024
- Karnataka Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2024
- Karnataka Souharda Sahakari (Amendment) Bill, 2024
- Sri Renuka Temple Yellamma Development Authority Bill, 2024
- Karnataka Legislature (Prevention Disqualification) (Amendment) Bill, 2024

Will legislators continue as advisers to CM?

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot returning the Karnataka Legislature (Prevention of Disqualification) (Second Amendment) Bill, 2024, to the State government seeking clarifications, questions are being raised over the continuation of legislators as the advisers to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

The advisers are MLAs Basavaraj Rayaraddi (economic), B.R. Patil (political), A.S. Ponnanna (legal), T.B. Jayachandra and Prakash Hukkeri (representatives of the State government in Delhi), and MLCs K. Govinda Raju and Nazeer Ahmed (political secretaries).

One adviser told *The Hindu* that the Governor has to give his assent to the Bill if the government submits it again with the clarifications. He ruled out any problem in continuation of legislators as advisers to the Chief Minister.

The legislature passed the Bill to exempt the office of the adviser and political secretary to the Chief Minister from incurring disqualification for being a member of the Legislative Assembly or Council on such appointment.

Sources in the State secretariat said that while returning the file, the Governor stated: "This is the only case in the history of governance that an 'adviser to the Deputy Chief Minister' has been proposed, and sought a clarification whether the proposal is in accordance with the constitutional mandate."

Western Ghats: Panel to convey stand on Centre's notification after consulting CM, representatives

The Hindu Bureau
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The Cabinet sub-committee has discussed the impact of the latest notification of the Kasturirangan committee report on the lives of people in Western Ghats. FILE PHOTO

Karnataka's Cabinet sub-committee on forests has decided to hold consultations with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and people's representatives from 10 districts coming under the Western Ghats region before submitting its views to the State Cabinet on the Centre's fresh and sixth notification on environmentally sensitive zones in the Western Ghats as per the Kasturirangan Committee's report.

The Cabinet sub-committee led by Forest Minister B. Eshwar Khandre, comprising Ministers H.C. Mahadevappa, Dinesh Gundu Rao, K.J. George, Madhu Bangarappa, and Mankal Vaidhya as members, discussed the impact of the latest notification of the report on the lives of people in Western Ghats.

Mr. Khandre pointed out that the Kasturirangan report had stated that 20,668 sq km in the Western Ghats area of Karnataka should be declared as Environmentally Sensitive Zone (ESZ). "But we have already declared 16,632 sq km as ESZ that comprises tiger reserve, national parks, and reserved forests. Hence, we can recommend to the Cabinet to confine the Kasturirangan report's recommendation to 16,632 sq km only so that people would not be affected," he maintained.

Pointing out that the Western Ghats region had 1,553 human habitations, he said the State would have to express its stand on the latest notification with some conditions to protect the interests of people living in these areas by September end, he said.

CM to take a call on internal reservation after holding talks with legal experts, Dalit leaders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday assured a delegation of Dalit leaders and legislators of taking appropriate decision on internal reservation among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes after discussing the Supreme Court's verdict in this regard with legal experts and community leaders.

"I am for internal reservation and I have already welcomed the apex court's verdict," the Chief Minister told the delegation that comprised Ministers K.H. Muniyappa and R.B. Thimmapur and former Minister H. Anjaneya, among others.

Later taking to social media, Mr. Siddaramaiah said internal reservation was a must to ensure equitable distribution of the benefit of reservation. "Me, my party, and my government have a clear and strong stand in support of social justice," he said and welcomed Dalits groups being unanimous on the need for internal reservation.

'BJP opposed to social justice'

Accusing the BJP of trying to "instigate Dalits against the Congress" on the issue of internal reservation, he said: "The Dalit leaders have the capacity to understand the sinister efforts of the BJP which is opposed to social justice."

The delegation that comprised prominent Dalit leaders demanded that immediate measures should be taken to implement internal reservation in the wake of the Supreme Court upholding such a measure.

The delegation demanded that the government should put on hold all the recruitment processes for its departments, including those by the KPSC till the classification was finalised. The notification regarding the ongoing KAS preliminary exams too should be amended to make way reallocation of posts as per the international reservation classification, they said.

They sought that the distribution of sites through KIADB or other government bodies and financial allocation under SCSP and TSP should be put on hold so that new norms could be incorporated in them.

Nine students to represent India at skills competition in France

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The Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC) has selected nine students to represent India at the 47th World Skills Competition in Lyon, France.

The students met Sharan Prakash Patil, Minister for Medical Education and Skill Development, before embarking on their journey to France. The selected students are currently pursuing ITI, diploma, and engineering courses in various regions across Karnataka.

Olympics of vocational skills

The World Skills Competition, often referred to as the Olympics of vocational skills, is the world's largest event dedicated to vocational education and skill excellence.

Scheduled to be held from September 10 to 15 in Lyon, the competition is expected to see more than 1,000 young participants under the age of 22 competing in over 60 skill categories.

Second position

The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) organises the India Skills Competition to identify and train candidates who will represent India at the World Skills Competition.

Karnataka secured the second position at the national level during the India Skills Competition held in New Delhi from May 15 to 19, a release said.

High Court refuses to cancel bail granted to Revanna in kidnapping case

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BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday refused to cancel bail granted to former Minister H.D. Revanna by a special court in the case of alleged abduction of his former maid to prevent her from giving a statement against his son Prajwal Revanna in the rape case.

Meanwhile, the High Court granted bail to six other persons, H.K. Sujay, H.N. Madhu, S.T. Keerthi, Satish Babu alias Satish Babanna, H.D Maugowda, residents of Hebbalu Koppalu of K.R. Nagar taluk in Mysuru district, and K.A. Rajgopal of Hunsur taluk in Mysuru district, who were arraigned as accused persons in the kidnapping case.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by the Special Investigation Team, which had questioned the correctness of the May 13 order passed by the Special Court of Sessions for criminal cases against former and present MPs and MLAs in granting bail to Mr. Revanna.

'Statement delayed'

The Special Court had said that Special Investigation Team had delayed recording the statement of the victim by four to five days after she was rescued in the alleged kidnapping case while also pointing out that *prima facie* there is no material to justify the rigorous Section 364-A (kidnapping for ransom and threat to cause death or hurt) of IPC invoked against Mr. Revanna in terms of the Supreme Court's interpretation of this provision.

16th Finance Commission to meet State authorities today; CM hopeful of 'justice'

'We will seek an increase in devolution of Central taxes from 41% to 50%'

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BENGALURU

The 16th Finance Commission is holding a meeting with State government authorities in Bengaluru on Thursday. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Wednesday that he was hopeful of the present Finance Commission rectifying the "injustice" meted out to Karnataka by the 15th Finance Commission.

He said: "We will convince the 16th Finance Commission that Karnataka is the most neglected State and seek an increase in devolution of Central taxes from 41% to 50%. We will also seek a share in the Centre's cess and surcharges. This is because the States' share of Central taxes is reducing due to the increase in cess and surcharges," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

The Congress government in Karnataka had launched a campaign titled "My tax my right" against the Centre accusing it and the 15th Finance Commission of meting out injustice to Karnataka in devolution of Central taxes and grants. It had even staged a protest in Delhi to draw the attention of the country on the alleged injustice.

The Chief Minister strongly defended allotment of land by KIADB in Aerospace Park to a trust owned by the family of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, by saying that the allotment was well within the norms.

Launching a counter attack at the BJP that has taken exception to allotment of the land, he said the BJP had illegally granted huge tracts of land to Chanakya private university and various trusts of RSS when it was in power.

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As per the Office Notification No: A3/BGT/TENDER/CR-01/2024-25, dated: 27.08.2024 of Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chtiradurga Division, Chitradurga has invited tenders for works under "KMERC (CEPMIZ)" for an amount of Rs 881.8 Lakhs during 2024-25. Tenders are invited in Two Cover Mode in the prescribed format for "Erection of Chainlink mesh Fencing" & " Erection of RCC Pillared Barbed Wire Fencing" at vartous ranges of Chitradurga Divison. Last date for submission of Tender is 11.09.2024 upto 04.00 PM if no bids are received then the second call will be scheduled from 13.09.2024 to 23.09.2024 till 04:00 PM. The details of the tender will be available on the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Further details can be obtained from the Office in working hours.

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga.

RO No. 227: DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2024-25

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No: CEE/TZB/EE(C)-2/AEE(C)/2024-25/8988-93 Dated: 28.08.2024

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through kpp portal Mode Only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works through **KPP Portal. Name of the Work: Development of urban holt and Establishing training centre for promoting rural sports at HBR Layout, KPTCL, Bengaluru.(an initiative under CSR funds of KPTCL). (Call-2). Estimate amount in Rs. (Including GST): 462.38 Lakhs**

The Bids will be received through Electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **02.09.2024.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-, Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.

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The Notice is hereby given to Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner **Mr. SAM P PHILIP** S/o Mr. Philip Samuel, Residing at No. C1, Apurva Apartment, 1st main, 5th Block, HBR Layout, Kalyananagar Post, Bangalore-560 043.

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‘The victim of crime is treated as a mere witness in the prosecution of the offence’

‘In order to provide the much needed relief to the victims of crime, it is essential that the focus of criminal justice system shifts from being accused-centric to victim-centric,’ says M.A. Saleem

GUEST COLUMN

M.A. Saleem

Illustration: Sebastian Francis

The victim of any form of crime is considered the most neglected person in the Criminal Justice System across the globe and India is no exception. The entire Criminal Justice System (CJS) focuses on accused persons with the object of establishing their guilt or innocence. It takes care of criminal’s trial, conviction, retribution, reformation and rehabilitation. But sadly, the victim of crime is treated as a mere witness in the prosecution of the offence. The victims suffer in the form of physical, emotional and mental trauma, and economic losses are generally not taken into consideration, as he or she doesn’t play any central role in the entire criminal justice system.

Three categories

Victims of crime can be broadly classified into three categories. The primary victim is the person who actually suffers physical or economic harm in the form of loss of life, limb, dignity, honour and property. The secondary victims are dependents of the victim who is either killed or has been incapacitated from doing any economic activity. Society is the third victim because it suffers a violation of its laws. As the State must maintain law and order in society, it undertakes the prosecution of criminals on behalf of individuals who have suffered and also to deter potential criminals from going the wrong way.

In the whole process, the victims of crime often feel neglected and sidelined in the State’s investigation and prosecution process. The primary focus of these agencies will be on the accused persons and generally the plight of the victim is ignored.

Although the State bears the cost of investigation and prosecution, the consequential cost of crime is enormous on the victim. It can be a physical injury in the form of death, partial and permanent disability, disfigurement and other form of bodily injuries. Mental and health consequences in the form of depression, anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) for victims of sexual offence. Economic consequences may take the form of property losses, medical and legal expenses or even the death of the sole breadwinner in the family.

In order to provide much-needed relief to the victims of crime, it is essential that the focus of criminal justice system shifts from being accused-centric to victim-centric. The rights of victims should be given focus and, he/she should be involved to play an active role during the investigation and trial.

Key rights of victims

Realizing this in 1985, the United Nations adopted the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, recognizing four key rights for victims of crimes:

1. Access to justice and fair treatment: Victims have the right to access justice mechanisms, prompt redress, and be informed of their rights. They are entitled to proper assistance throughout the legal process and protection of their privacy and safety.

2. Restitution: Victims should receive restitution for harm or loss suffered, including the return of property or financial compensation. If public officials or agents of the state have violated criminal laws, victims should receive restitution from the state.

3. Compensation: When victims cannot fully recover compensation from the offender or other sources, the state should provide financial compensation, particularly for violent crimes that result in bodily injury, funded by national resources.

4. Assistance: Victims should receive necessary material, medical, psychological, and social support through government, voluntary, and community services. Additionally, police, justice, health, and social service personnel should be trained to assist victims effectively.

In western world

Developed countries in the Western world have brought out separate laws to support and rehabilitate victims of crimes. England was the first country to bring out a comprehensive Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme in 1964, followed by U.S.A and other countries.

In India, Section 357 Cr.PC. (now Section 395 BNSS) provides limited compensation to the victims of crime from the fines imposed on the criminal. The courts can also impose compensation to victims by levying additional fines. In the year 2009, Section 357(A) Cr.PC (now Section 396 BNSS) was introduced which require the State to frame Victim Compensation Scheme. Based on this section of law, many State Governments have introduced Victim Compensation Schemes. Government of Karnataka has brought out Karnataka Victim Compensation Scheme - 2011 which provides for compensation up to Rupees three lakhs for victims of murder, rape and other bodily injuries.

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The Justice Malimath Committee, in its report on reforming the Criminal Justice System, highlighted the transformative potential of recognizing victims rights. The Committee envisioned a significant improvement in the quality of justice delivery and efficiency once the legal system formally acknowledges victim’s rights and integrates the provisions for compensating their losses. Specifically, the Committee emphasized that incorporating mechanisms for restitution–covering loss of life, physical injuries, and property damage–would mark a pivotal shift in criminal justice administration. According to the Committee, this victim-centric approach would steer the justice system towards more effective and expeditious outcomes, fundamentally altering its traditional focus and operations.

Apart from the victim compensation scheme, the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, provides an additional forum to provide relief to the victims of the crime, particularly victims of custodial violence. The Central and State Human Rights Commission can direct the Government or any other agencies /individual to provide immediate compensation to the victims or their families through an award. The new Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 under Section 193 mandates every Police Officer to inform the progress of the investigation by any means to the victims or informants of the crime, within 90 days. Further, Section 397 BNSS makes it mandatory for any hospital, Government or private, to provide first aid or medical treatment free of cost to victims of eight serious and grave offences.

Although there is a limited progress in the criminal justice system to recognize the rights of victims, there is an urgent need to ensure a paradigm shift in the Criminal Justice System to ensure that victims occupy the center stage of the system. The compensation to the victims of crime especially victims of sexual offence should extend far beyond modest monetary compensation.

A whole package of relief, compensation and rehabilitation should come as a statutory obligation on the State. Government agencies, as well as civil society should take adequate steps to make sure that victims are not left in the lurch to fend for themselves but give them adequate confidence to face the difficult times in their lives. This is the only way justice and the rule of law can prevail in society.

(The author is Director General of Police, CID, Economic Offences and Special Units, Bengaluru.)

‘Manteswamy Kavya Prayoga’ brings a female voice to oral epic

Manteswamy Kavya remains highly relevant as it echoes themes of social justice, equality, and the fight against oppression

Yemen S.
BENGALURU

A scene from the play *Manteswamy Kavya Prayoga*.

Manteswamy Kavya has been one of the most celebrated oral epics of Karnataka. It narrates the life, teachings, and spiritual journey of Manteswamy, a saint and social reformer from the 16th century, who is closely associated with the Lingayat movement. The Kavya, traditionally performed by Neelgaras, is not just a religious text but is also a rich tapestry of the social and cultural life of medieval Karnataka.

For the present times

In the contemporary context, Manteswamy Kavya remains highly relevant as it echoes themes of social justice, equality, and the fight against oppression. In an age where issues like caste discrimination, gender inequality, and religious intolerance persist, one such recent art piece that takes inspiration from Manteswamy Kavya is Nirdigantha’s recent production *Manteswamy Kavya Prayoga*. The play will be performed at Chitrakala Parishath, Kumarakrupa Road, today, at 6.30 p.m. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Shripad Bhat says Manteswamy’s verse confronts the irony of a society that had stagnated into orthodoxy, all in the name of the very reform that Basavanna and his companions fought for in the 12th century.

“Through his poetry, he builds a scathing attack on a revolution gone wrong. His poetry liberated a movement that had lost its way and was appropriated by palaces and monasteries. The play equates and contrasts the 16th century Manteswamy with the 12th century Basavanna, Allama, Madiwala Machaya, Haralayya etc.” he says.

Manteswamy Kavya Prayoga highlights the Kalyanada Pattanda Saalu, which is known as the heart of the Manteswamy Kavya. The production’s narrative is based on folk songs sung in ritual form by folk storytellers Neelgaras.

However, what stands out in this production is that the entire performance is presented by a female protagonist, while Manteswamy Kavya is traditionally performed by men.

“The Neelagaras who perform Manteswamy Kavya are predominately men. These men traditionally receive a Diksha, after which they travel or move from villages to villages like nomads. They sing Kavyas and make a living out of whatever donations they receive. Even if women performed the Kavyas, they did not travel a lot, it was usually in their own villages. Back then it was not easy for women to travel and make a living. But we are in the 21st century now, and I wanted to break the barrier, and decided to caste a female protagonist,” Shripad explains.

Focus on music

“Since the play is based on Kavyas, I wanted all the performers to be strongly inclined to music. All the performers are actors who are also professional musicians. While we retained the original tunes of Manteswamy Kavya, we have also jazzed it up a bit to make it catchier and more relevant for today’s audiences,” he adds.

With a touch of modern music and theatrical elements and with the underlying theme of social justice and spiritual wisdom, *Manteswamy Kavya Prayoga* blends Sufi and Shaiva culture. Performed by Shalom Sannutha, Anush Shetty, Munna Mysore and Rohith S Sridhar, entry for the show is ticketless and free.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 29, 1974

Files Not Destroyed, Says Urs

Bangalore, Aug 28: The Chief Minister, Mr. D. Devaraj Urs, told the Karnataka Assembly to-day that the Minister of Sate for Small-Scale Industries had not destroyed any files and had also not issued any cheques or permits when the Managing Director of Karnataka Small Industries Corporation was away on tour abroad in March last. He was making the statement in the House as had been promised by him a few days ago. The leader of the Opposition, Mr. H.D. Deve Gowda, had raised a privilege issue against the Minister of State for Small-Scale Industries, Mr. V.S. Koujalgi, charging him with misleading the House by giving incorrect information that he had not acted as the Managing Director of the Small Industries Corporation.

Hubli Mayoral Poll: Minister’s Assurance

Bangalore, Aug. 28: The Municipal Administration Minister, Mr. Naikar conceding the demand of the Opposition in the Legislative Council to-day, agreed to place the legal opinion of the Advocate-General on the future course of action the Government could take on the issue of holding Mayoral elections to the Hubli-Dharwar Corporation early in the light of the latest High Court directive “to the Mayor.

Mr. Naikar said the Government would consult the opinion of the Advocate-General on the Issue and would report to the House on Aug. 30. The High Court on Tuesday, rejecting the petition of the Mayor of the Hubli-Dharwar Corporation, High Court asking the Mayor to hold elections early. Under these circumstances, the govt. was not in a position to intervene.

CITYBEATS

Say it with flowers

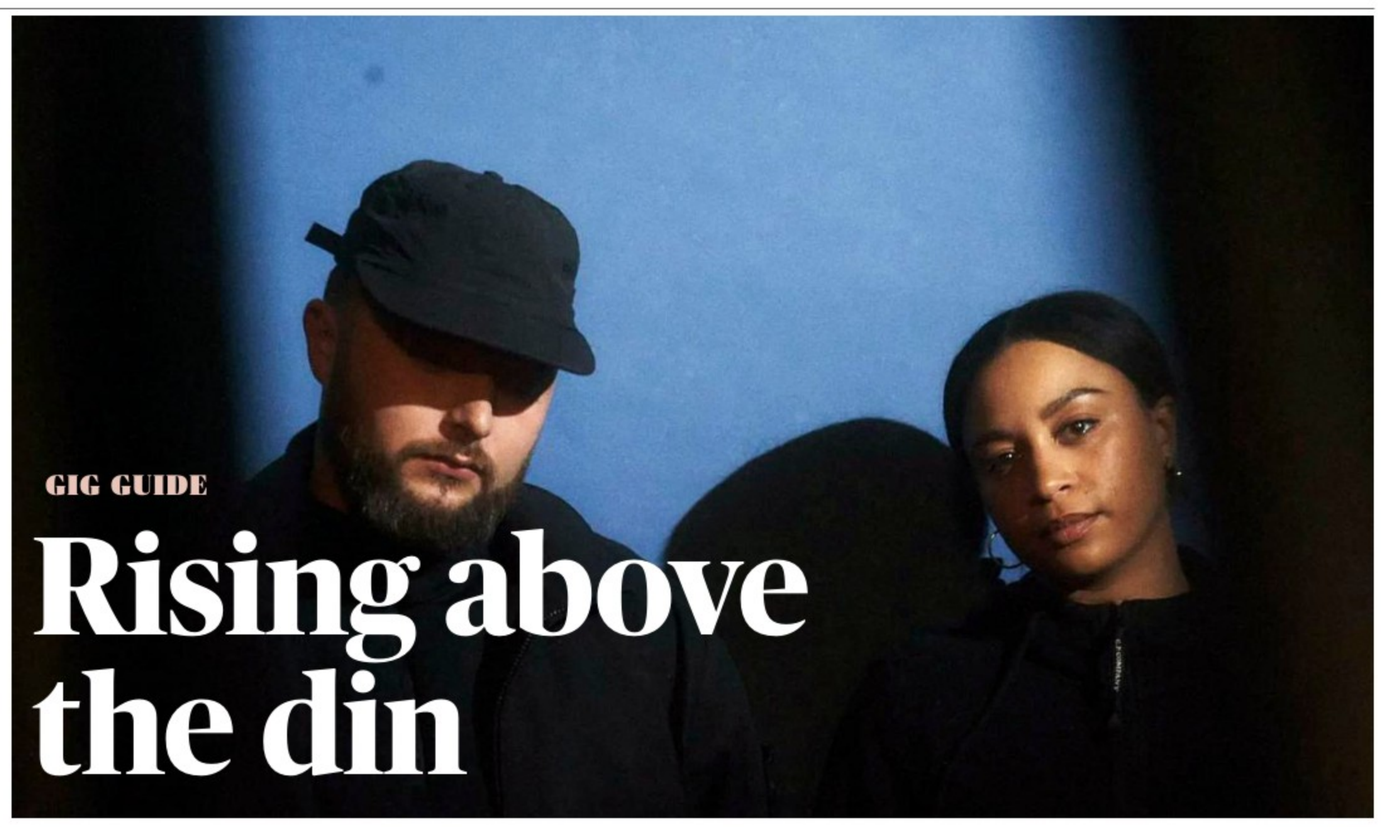
ONGOING
Roxie has launched Amore Floreale, a set of cocktails crafted with floral infusions, premuim spirits to capture the essence of nature. This collection features four signature cocktails: rosa fresca, lavender Lazarus, elderflower bouquet and queen's kiss. The Amore Floreale drinks are priced at ₹595 onwards.
At Roxie, 26, Haralur Main Road, HSR Layout.

Pasta fiesta

ONGOING
Make time in your calendar for the Festa Bella Pasta, a culinary festival at Caffe Allora that will be on till September 30. The menu offers crafted pasta plates each showcasing a different facet of Italy's culinary landscape with dishes such as spinach ricotta ravioli, blue cheese and apple caramelle among others.
At Phoenix Mall of Asia. Call 86579 40134

Bite-sized delights

ONGOING
Dig into Asian delicacies at Embassy Lake Terraces with their delectable array of dim sums and baos. The non-vegetarian range includes crystal shrimp dumplings and aromatic spicy chicken dumplings while vegetarians can indulge in roasted pumpkin and water chestnut dumplings to name a few.
At Embassy Lake Terraces, till August 30.



GIG GUIDE

Rising above the din

The decibel levels will rise in the city this weekend as metal bands and electronica artistes perform at different venues

Anurag Tagat

Optikal Asylum Turns 5

September 1, 4:20 pm onwards
Koramangala Social, Koramangala
Entry: ₹699, plus cover charge, via Insider.in

Wrapping up two weeks of celebrating five years in action, arts and music showcase Optikal Asylum have hosted shows across the country starting in Mumbai in August. The final stop for Optikal Turns 5 is Bengaluru, hosting nine DJs and at least 20 artistes at Koramangala Social.

The organisation – started in 2019 and showcasing several international artistes alongside spotlighting local electronic music – bring British duo Blumitsu, plus Nepal's Dipsoman this week to Bengaluru. Indian artistes on the lineup include electronic DJ-producers such as Oceantied, Zokhuma, Ez Riser, plus Bengaluru-based party-starters Benkii, Raka Ashok, Fushi and Adi G.

Optikal's team said in a description, "Wouldn't believe that we'd make it this far but here we are celebrating our fifth year of existence, bringing you the tastiest curation of 100+ artists and musicians across six cities in India this August. We cherish the love and support we have received from all artists, collaborators and crews over the last half decade and we wouldn't be able to get here without you! Hope to see you all join our celebrations next month."

Fakira x Langas and Manganiyars

August 31 and September 1, 8 pm onwards
Windmills, Whitefield
Entry: ₹3,000 (seating), ₹1,500 (standing) via windmills-india.com

A total of 12 musicians will gather at Windmills for a cultural experience rarely seen in the city. Titled Sanskriti Sarita, Bengal's folk act Fakira team up with the Langas and Manganiyars from Rajasthan.

The lineup comprises Fakira with their guitar, bass and drum setup and Rajasthani vocalists, plus a harmonium, dholak and morchang act in the mix.

The event description says, "This extraordinary collaboration is a musical journey that bridges the diverse and vibrant landscapes of India. The fusion of Fakira's soulful Bengal folk with the Langas and Manganiyars' evocative Rajasthani melodies creates a rich tapestry of rhythm, harmony, and emotion. This event offers a rare opportunity to witness the coming together of two distinct yet deeply rooted musical traditions, celebrating the enduring beauty and cultural richness of India's heritage."

Chaos Reigns with Vidyut, Dimorphous Expression, Dequma, Shades of Paranoia

August 31, 6 pm onwards
The Raft, Kormangala
Entry: ₹499, via Skillboxes.com

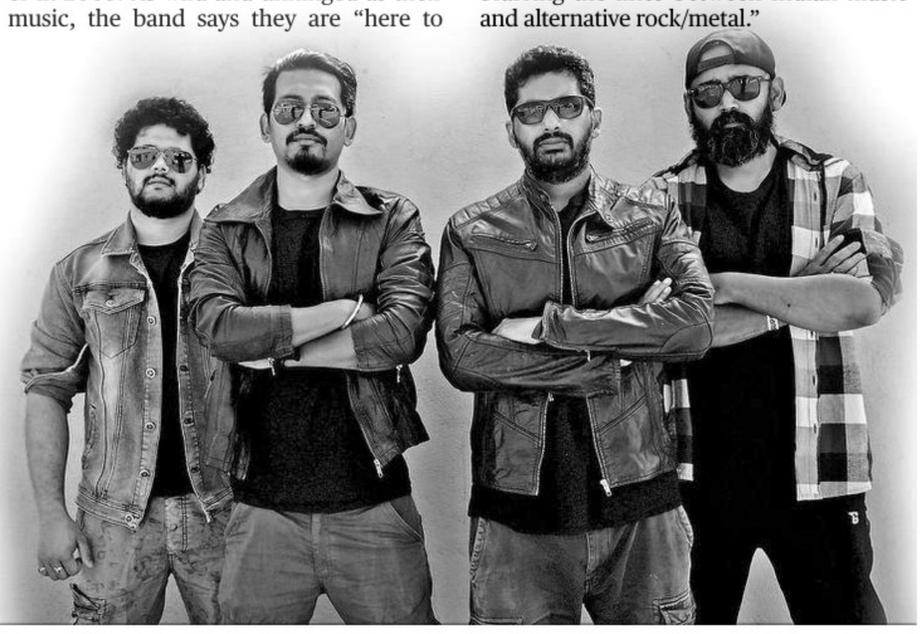
Metal from rising and seasoned acts alike is in store at the gig series, Chaos Reigns, taking place this week at The Raft in Koramangala. There has been no dearth of heavy music in the city and this show is yet another dose of extreme metal.

Dequma, the technical death metal band who have been around since 2011, are expected to be "bringing their unique blend of technical prowess and cosmic themes to the stage," an event release says.

They are joined by Vidyut, the Chennai-origin death metal band who came together in 2009. As wild and unhinged as their music, the band says they are "here to break your bones." The band adds in their typically dark humor, "Have the cops on speed dial and raise FIR for battery charges – we're coming to wreck the place. See you in the pit!"

Bengaluru act Dimorphous Expression are also in the mix with their melodic death metal and thrash metal-informed sound. "Gear up for a wild evening full of awesome metal performances, headbanging, moshing, and an overall metal frenzy," the band says about their upcoming concert.

Rising from the semi-professional gig circuit after competing at college competitions, Bengaluru act, Shades of Paranoia, describe themselves as a hard rock and metal band. The Chaos Reigns event description says, "They are based on their blurring the lines between Indian music and alternative rock/metal."



Slow fashion for a fast world

Shilpa Anandraj

Taking a stand The collective showcases sustainable products. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India HandMade Collective (IHMC) is having a Natural-Dye Handmade Exhibition in Bengaluru this weekend. The three-day event will also feature workshops and provide a platform for visitors to interact directly with artisans.

Mahima Thangappan, the co-ordinator of IHMC, says: "We work with natural dyes that are sourced from natural resources like flowers, leaves, roots. This is an ancient method that we used until chemical dyes were discovered. In fact, chemical dyes are one of the main reasons for water body pollution."

"The disastrous effects can be seen in the Tirupur belt, where the river water is neither potable nor can it be used for irritation. Our aim is to promote a sustainable lifestyle and fashion and we work with only cotton, which is biodegradable."

All the products at the exhibition will be in cotton and the fabrics are all handspun and handwoven, Mahima says. "They are naturally dyed, in floral eco prints, block prints, Kalamkari, lambadi embroidery, Bengal muslin and Jamdani weaves."

There will be a range of saris, fabric, women's wear, menswear, home decor, accessories, terracotta crafts, bamboo crafts, banana fibre crafts, coconut shell crafts, cloth diapers and cloth menstrual pads.

Mahima says, IHMC was started in 2020 by Ananthoo (who is also part of Tula Organic Garments, Chennai), Tara Aslam (also a part of Nature Alley , Bengaluru), Dr Lalitha (also part of Porgai Artisans Association-a unit of Tribal Health Initiative) in Sittilingi Valley, Dharmapuri, Arup Rakshit (from MG Gramodyog Sewa Sansthan Foundation, Kolkata) and the late Karuna Tai Futane (from Gram Sewa Mandal, Wardha).

"We initially started virtually and gradually shifted to physical exhibitions," says Ananthoo, one of the co-founders from Chennai. "This is our third show in Bengaluru. We are a non-profit organisation and work on a volunteer basis."

Ananthoo says, "IHMC works with artisans and craftsmen. We started as a response to the COVID-19 crisis. Our main sales happened only through exhibitions, and when we were stuck with the lockdown, we leaned towards virtual exhibitions. Instead of going as individuals we came together as a collective. This way we are also aiming to reduce our carbon footprints."

The exhibition is from August 30 to September 1, 11am to 8pm at Bangalore International Centre. Pre-register for the seed clay Ganesha workshop on 7893882228.

Just jazz for a day

Learning curve Apoorva Krishnan will be part of the Courtyard Koota Jazz Festival. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Ruth Dhanaraj

This weekend, one will get a chance to unwind and imbibe the feel of jazz at a smooth sedate pace. The inaugural edition of the Courtyard Koota Jazz Festival 2024 will kick off on September 1.

Conceptualised and curated by pianist-composer Aman Mahajan and Natasha Iype, founder of Courtyard Koota, the festival is a celebration of all things jazz. "This is something we've wanted to put together for a while now," says Aman, adding, "We hope to showcase new directions in the city's niche jazz scene."

"At first, we didn't want to call it a festival, because we weren't sure if it was on the right scale, but as it evolved into an all-day event, we felt it was justified."

According to Aman, "Three performers will be presenting an eclectic mix of jazz styles from within Bangalore. The festival is designed to give the audience a chance to have an informal interaction with the musicians, so apart from the performances, there will be lunch and tea breaks. The hope is to enjoy a day of culture surrounding jazz."

The Courtyard Koota Jazz Festival 2024 will see performances by Refuge, featuring Apoorva Krishna, the Joey Sharma Trio and Pockets and Changes.

"One person I've had my eye on for a long time is guitarist Joey Sharma. He has revived an older style of jazz called Gypsy Jazz, which originated in Paris, and was influenced by Spanish music as well as flamenco. Joey plays gypsy jazz in an authentic manner and he has a nice trio, so they were one of my choices for the show."

The three performing bands embody the spirit of jazz in contemporary ways that are relevant to the city

Aman says another up-and-coming band in the city – Pockets and Changes – play progressive jazz, while REFUGE is a take on contemporary Indian jazz.

"I've recently started collaborating with violinist Apoorva Krishna. We will be presenting a slightly different take on contemporary jazz compositions. The special thing about Apoorva is that she is not only a Carnatic musician, but she's also exploring jazz and Western harmony, which is a different approach to this musical genre."

He adds, "I feel these three bands embody the spirit of jazz in contemporary ways that are relevant to India and Bangalore."

A performance-workshop involving all the participating artistes, led by guitarist-composer Dhani Muniz from Auroville will also be a part of the event.

Music students can avail 50% off on the day pass by contacting Courtyard Koota. "Most of the time, students want to attend but are put off by the cost," says Aman. Visitors can also buy tickets for the shows of specific artistes as well.

Courtyard Koota Jazz Festival is on September 1 from 12-8pm. Tickets and schedule on Skillbox and courtyardkoota.com

Celebrating the legacy of melody

Syeda Zainab

Teacher's pride At the Guruvandana program. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The stage at Chowdiah Memorial Hall was recently a sea of green as close to 200 musicians in colour-coordinated outfits, toting flutes and *tablas*, assembled to present Guru Vandana, an event showcasing what they had learnt under the tutelage of their masters at Sanjog Bansuri Mahavidyalaya.

For over two decades now, the institute in Bengaluru has been nurturing musical talent. Founded in 2002 and inaugurated by maestro Zakir Hussain, students at Sanjog Bansuri Mahavidyalaya range from the ages of five to 70. Falutist Pravin Godkhindi teaches them how to play the *bansuri* and sing, while his brother, Kiran Godkhindi, imparts *tabla* lessons.

"It was the dream of our father Venkatesh Godkhindi to build a place where students could learn music. That is what my brother and I have done," said Pravin Godkhindi, talking about the institute's legacy.

The concert began with an invocation by the youngest students, whose tiny hands delicately navigated the notes. Throughout the evening, children and adults at various learning levels graced the stage, testifying to the patience and hard work of their teachers.

One of the event highlights was a *jugalbandi* by all of the students, in which the flautists and vocalists presented two separate *raagas* in perfect unison, which was followed by an explosive finale with fast-paced *tabla* work. This performance received a standing ovation.

Gangavathi Pranesh, actor and comedian, was the chief guest for the evening while the guest of honour was vidwan Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma, a renowned mridangam artiste and Pravin Godkhindi's guru. Anoor spoke about the importance of preserving Indian classical music. "Such programs encourage parents and children to learn about our culture, which is why I think it's important to promote and preserve our heritage."

Centre wants us to accept NEP for fund release: T.N.

The Centre has not released ₹573 crore due for June, says School Education Minister

The Hindu Bureau
TIRUCHI

School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi on Wednesday accused the Union government of pressuring Tamil Nadu to accept the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 as a pre-condition for release of funds under Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI).

He was reacting to reports on the Centre having withheld its share of funds under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), of which component is PM-SHRI, affecting salary payment to teachers. He said the Centre had not released

Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi

₹573 crore due for June. It had also withheld ₹249 crore, the final instalment of last year. The Centre had been pressuring Tamil Nadu to accept the NEP for release of the funds. It was unfair, especially when education is on the Concurrent List, he told reporters in Tiruchi.

"The NEP draft was released only in 2020. However, the SSA had come into existence two years earlier, and the State had been getting funds in the ratio of 60:40. But the Centre is now exerting pressure on us to accept the NEP in order to get funds for the SSA," he said.

The Minister said the DMK MPs, along with those of the party allies, had taken up the issue with Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan. The MPs told the Minister that funds should not be withheld because "politicising" the matter would affect the education of lakhs of students. Mr. Pradhan told the MPs that he would look into the issue.

'No response'

The MPs also raised the issue in the recent session of Parliament, Mr. Mahesh Poyyamozhi said, adding that the School Education Department had written multiple letters to the Centre. But there was no response. The State had expected that the funds would be released after the parliamentary session. But the Centre was yet to release the funds. "The NEP requires a comprehensive debate. We will leave it to the people. But the Centre should not withhold funds for pressuring the State to accept the NEP," he said.

Fabless semicon firms in Karnataka have made global breakthrough: Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Semiconductor Fabless Accelerator Lab (SFAL), funded by Department of Electronics, IT&BT, and Science and Technology, and supported by the Karnataka Information Technology Society, has incubated 43 ventures focused on niche semicon areas since its inception in 2021.

According to Minister Priyank Kharge, these ventures have received funding worth ₹114 crore and have a combined valuation of ₹500 crore.

''SFAL has been a success and States like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu are reaching out to us to explore ways to replicate the programme in their respective States,'' Mr. Kharge said, adding ''India will be the second largest consumer of semiconductors in the world at $64 billion by 2026. Our current electronics consumption is pegged at $400 billion.''

SFAL played an enabling role in the development of semiconductor IP and product ecosystems. Many SFAL firms are developing products for global and local markets and also getting funded by VCs, said Jitendra Chaddah, India Head of Global Foundries and founding member of SFAL. Interestingly, three SFAL incubated firms have reported breakthroughs around silicon semiconductor chip design and some first time in the world kind of innovations.

One of the companies, Calligo Technologies, a fabless semiconductor start-up has fabricated and manufactured a POSIT-enabled semiconductor chip. This milestone is poised to enhance performance and accuracy in critical mathematical computations, according to the company.

POSIT technology, a disruptive and hardware friendly evolution of unums, is set to become a a new standard in computing. POSITs offer improved accuracy, network bandwidth and storage utilisation while reducing power consumption. The technology was particularly advantageous for applications in stock exchange computations, medical drug research and artificial intelligence.

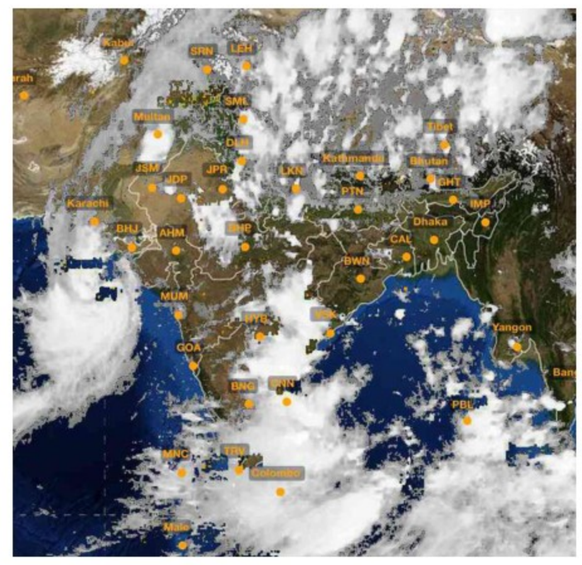
In collaboration with SFAL, Calligo Technologies has introduced a groundbreaking hardware solution with this silicon semiconductor chip.

Another SFAL incubated firm, AB Circuits and Research Labs that focuses on automotive semiconductor space makes vehicles on roads safer and efficient through smart electronics. It specialises in full stack solutions, from designing chips for vehicle sensors and electronics to developing software and analytics. The company's product TireSynapse is a tiny chip that comes with features such as tire wear prediction, road and load condition detection, wheel alignment measurement and balancing assessment.

Another firm, Morphing Machines, developed REDEFINE, a runtime reconfigurable many-core processor globally, designed to cater to emerging workloads in application areas such as telecom, AI-ML, healthcare and high performance computing.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Saurashtra & Kutch, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.2	31.2	26.4	Kozhikode	0.1	33.0	26.8
Ahmedabad	2.7	29.8	24.4	Kurnool	0.2	33.4	24.2
Aizawl	116	29.9	22.5	Lucknow	49	27.7	24.3
Allahabad	56	34.3	25.9	Madurai	—	37.2	25.7
Bengaluru	—	26.5	20.5	Mangaluru	3.5	29.1	24.4
Bhopal	—	31.6	23.0	Mumbai	11	30.9	25.6
Bhubaneswar	9.6	33.0	24.9	Mysuru	—	30.0	20.0
Chandigarh	18.2	35.7	24.7	New Delhi	10	34.0	23.4
Chennai	2	30.7	26.6	Patna	0.4	32.3	27.2
Coimbatore	—	31.2	23.6	Port Blair	26.4	30.4	23.4
Dehradun	6	32.4	24.4	Puducherry	17.4	32.0	24.3
Gangtok	17	23.8	16.9	Pune	7.6	28.8	21.6
Goa	36	31.4	24.7	Raipur	—	34.1	25.6
Guwahati	4	36.3	25.6	Ranchi	0.8	29.7	23.4
Hubballi	—	28.0	23.0	Shillong	5.1	25.4	16.6
Hyderabad	0.7	30.0	23.3	Shimla	3	22.4	15.6
Imphal	10.3	30.4	22.5	Srinagar	2	20.5	18.0
Jaipur	—	31.5	24.6	Thiruvananthapuram	4	30.9	26.5
Kochi	0.2	30.2	26.2	Tiruchi	—	33.7	26.4
Kohima	5	29.8	17.0	Vijayawada	—	34.0	27.2
Kolkata	3	34.0	25.8	Visakhapatnam	—	31.7	27.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.10	..72	28	 14	15	.....
Bengaluru	.10	..22	40	 16	...105	.....
Chennai	.11	..27	25	 54	54	.....
Delhi	...4	101	26	 51	98	.....
Hyderabad	...7	..15	40	 51	71	.....
Kolkata	...1	..37	18	 31	40	.....
Lucknow	.14	7	..9	 27	73	.....
Mumbai	.25	..27	16	 26	54	.....
Pune	..—	..25	39	 33	37	.....
Visakhapatnam	.10	..47	32	 69	...107	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Rajsamand, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 320 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Palkalaiperur, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Bengali film industry isolated me'

Moyurie Som
KOLKATA

Bengali actor Sreelekha Mitra, who recently accused Malayalam filmmaker and former chairperson of Kerala State Chalachitra Academy Ranjith of sexual harassment, said the Bengali film industry had alienated her four years ago when she spoke about the malpractices and "miscreants" in Tollywood.

Mr. Ranjith had resigned as the chairperson of the Chalachitra Academy following Ms. Mitra's allegations in the wake of the release of the Justice Hema committee report and a renewed #MeToo movement among women in the Malayalam film industry.

Need to amend police manual to ensure same officer probes complaint, counter-complaint: Karnataka HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has said that the State government has to amend the Karnataka Police Manual to ensure that same investigating officer (IO) probes two different FIRs registered based on the complaint and the counter-complaint. Two different IOs are being assigned to investigate such cases despite a circular issued by the State Police Chief in 2013 based on the court's earlier direction.

Pointing out that the circular issued in 2013 was in tune with what the law is laid down by the apex court, the High Court has said that "unfortunately, the circular has remained only on paper. It appears that it is issued only for the sake of its issuance and not its implementation".

"This court is coming across a plethora of cases where a case and a counter case is still being investigated by the different IOs. This result in grave injustice and some times failure of justice, all on account of the callous act on the part of the State in not implementing its own circular notified to implement the law. The circular cannot be kept in cold storage, as the reasons for its issuance was to bring in investigation and prosecution in tune with law," the High Court observed.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna issued the direction while ordering a fresh investigation by a single IO into two FIRs registered on the same incident of assault based on complaint and counter-complaint in Masthi police station in Kolar district in January 2023. Petitioners Gajendra K.N and five others of Kottur village of Malur taluk of Kolar district had questioned the legality of investigation conducted by two IOs.

The two FIRs registered by opposite parties in this incident were assigned to two IOs, and the charge sheets filed in both the cases had several material differences, the court noted.

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH E-TENDER

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

e-bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

Sl. No	Name of work and Tender No.	Bid Security	e-Bid Submission closing Date	e-Bid Opening Date
1	Package II- Replacement of various sizes of damaged SWP / RCC, Strengthening of sewer collection system in various SPS commanding areas in Area IV,V & VI under Vada Chennai Valarchi Thittam. CNT/SEW/NCB/VCVT/3629/2024-25	Rs.30.15 lakhs	08.10.2024 upto 3.00 p.m.	09.10.2024 after 3.30 p.m.
2	Package I - Improvement of Water Supply by constructing Under Ground Tanks, Water Distribution stations and Laying of feeder main in Area I & V including Replacement of PVC water main, renewal of chocked-up water main, strengthening of various sizes of water main in various depots in Area IV & Area V under Vada Chennai Valarchi Thittam. CNT/WSS/NCB/VCVT/3630/2024-25	Rs.20.97 lakhs	08.10.2024 upto 3.00 p.m.	09.10.2024 after 3.30 p.m.
3	Package I – Replacement of various sizes of damaged SWP/ PSC, Enlargement/ Improvement/ Extension of sewage pumping main and Strengthening of existing collection system in various Sewage Pumping Stations commanding areas in Area I,III,IV & V under Vada Chennai Valarchi Thittam. CNT/SEW/NCB/VCVT/3631/2024-25	Rs.32.78 lakhs	08.10.2024 upto 3.00 p.m.	09.10.2024 after 3.30 p.m.
	EMD by online transfer only through tender Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Tender document.			
	Availability of tender documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal / website: **www.tntenders.gov.in** For all other details refer tender schedule in the website from Sl.No.1 for 06.09.2024, Sl.No.2&3 for 05.09.2024			

DIPR/3362/TENDER/2024

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
(Contracts & Monitoring)

Government of Karnataka
TOWN PANCHAYAT KALAGI, Tq: Kalagi Dist: Kalaburagi
Website: www.kalagitown.mrc.gov.in E-mail: ka.kalagi.tp@gmail.com Ph.:08474-200310

No. TPK/Tech. sec/ /2024-25 Date: 28.08.2024

-:E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE:-

Full-Term Tender is invited by the Chief Officer, Town Panchayat as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement (KTPP) Act 1999-2000 under S.W.M. D.P.R. and MRF DPR (SBM 2.0 Scheme) Grant Action Plan Fund for the year 2024-25. Eligible, Interested Renewed/Registered Contractors/Agencies are informed to participate in Bid Document online through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
1) Details of work/goods services: (1) DMA/2024-25/IND3135, (2) DMA/2024-25/IND/3127 (3) DMA/2024-25/IND/3136, (4) DMA/2024-25/IND/3110, (5) DMA/2024-25/IND/2455, (6) DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT 26951, (7)DMA/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT 18165 CALL-2, 2) Tender amount of work/goods services: **From Rs. 1 lakh up to Rs. 66.50 lakhs,** 3) Eligibility of Contractors: Registered Agencies, 4) Tender amount of work: From Rs. 1 lakh up to Rs. 66.50 lakhs, 5) Cost of Tender Application and E.M.D. Amount: Cost of Tender Application is as per e-procurement and E.M.D. for Rs. 1 lakh up to Rs. 54.28 lakhs, General @ 2.5% & 2% and S.C., S.T. should pay @1.25%, 6) Last date for submitting Tender Application through online: **Date: on 06.09.2024 and 07.09.2024 at 5.30 PM,** 7) Date of opening Financial Bid: **On 08.09.2024, 09.09.2024 morning at 10.30AM** 8) Address and Phone No. to be contacted for further details: Town Panchayat Office, Near Kalagi Post Office. Tq. Kalagi, Dist.: Kalaburagi 08474-200310 M.No. 7259697929. If there are any changes in the Tenders published, they can be seen in website address (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Separate newspaper notice related to this will not be published, 9) Website Address: **www.kalagitown.mrc.gov.in**

DIPR/Kalaburagi/384/KSMC&A/2024-25

Sd/- CHIEF OFFICER
TOWN PANCHAYAT KALAGI

Government of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, CHITRADURGA
(District Urban Dvelopment Cell)
Ph/Fax No. 08194-225713 e-mail: ka.chitradurga.dudc@gmail.com
No: DUDC(2)NAGAROTHANA Phase-4/CR 32/2024-25
Date: 23.08.202424.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, DUDC, Chitradurga District invites tenders for works through KPP portal using KW- 3 of Standard Tender Bid document from PWD contractors under Chief Minister Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Scheme (Phase 4) Project in Hosadurga TMC of Chitradurga District. Total 01 number of works Costing Rs. 83.00 Lakhs. Works Indent No. DMA/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT27806. Interested contractors can download and submit the tenders from the KPP Portal platform (http://ww.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). EMD and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically.

Calendar of Events and other information are as follows: (1) Last date for Submitting Queries: 03.09.2024, 05:30 PM. (2) Last Date for uploading of tender documents: 09.09.2024, 05:30 PM. (3) Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): 10.09.2024, 05:30 PM. (4) Date of Opening of Tenders (Financial Bids): After Technical Approval Bid.

Any changes in the tender conditions and Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through KPP portal and will not be published in any newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
District Urban Dvelopment
Cell, Chitradurga

RO No. 231: DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public at large is hereby notified that, my client is desirous to purchase the under mentioned properties from its owners, namely **1. Shri G. Nagabhushan** S/o Late Shri G. Nagireddy **2. Shri Hemasai Kiran Reddy** S/o Shri Nagabhushan **3. Smt. Sukanya** W/o Shri G. Nagabhushan who in turn proposed to execute sale deed with my client i.e. **Oorjan Cleantech Pvt. Ltd., Unit No.306, Eco House, Vishveshwar Nagar Road, Churi Wadi, Goregaon, Mumbai-400063,** if any person/(s), including Bank, Financial Institution, Private Financier and all statutory authorities, claiming any right, interest, objections or charges on the under mentioned schedule property or any part thereof, is/are hereby required to contact me at my Office, E-2/9,Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057, with documentary evidence within 7(Seven) days from the date of this publication as otherwise the said trans action will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

Schedule Property:

All that piece & parcel of the Immovable agricultural lands situated at Upparahalli Village, Nagalam adike Hobli, Pavagada Tq., Tumkur Dist., Karnataka, bearing following survey numbers, and boundary details are as under:

Sl. No.	Khatha No	Sy.No	Extent A	Extent G	Owned by	Boundaries
1.	256	55/1A	6	19.08 (exclu ding Kharab	Sri G. Nagabhushan S/o Late Sri G.Nagireddy	East: Land in Sy.No.55/1B, 55/7, West: Land in Sy.No. 47 North: Land in Sy.No. 48/1, South: Land in Sy.No. 55/3
2.	256	55/3	2	19.08	Sri G. Nagabhushan S/o Late Sri G.Nagireddy	East: Land in Sy.No. 55/1B, 55/7, West: Land in Sy.No.47 North: Land in Sy.No. 55/1A, South: Land in Sy.No. 55/4
3.	256	55/7	12	18 (exclu ding Kharab	Sri G. Nagabhushan S/o Late Sri G.Nagireddy	East: Land in Sy.No.54/6, West: Land in Sy.No.54 North: Land in Sy.No. 48/1, South: Land in Sy.No. 55/1A
4.	256	56/5	1	00	Sri G. Nagabhushan S/o Late Sri G.Nagireddy	East: Land in Sy.No. 56/4, West: Land in Sy.No. 56/3 North: Land in Sy.No. 54, South: Land in Sy.No. 56/2
5.	254	48/1	17	33	Shri Hemasai Kiran Reddy S/o Shri Nagabhushan	East: Land in Sy.No. 48/2, West: Land of Sy.No. 45 North: Land in Sy.No. 44 & 49, South: Land in Sy.No. 47 & 55
6.	150	54/12	4	00	Smt. Sukanya W/o Sri G.Nagabhushan	East: Lagu Hissa Number 8s Property, West: Block No.1s Property, North: Lagu Hissa No.6s Property, South: Sy.No.56
7.	150	54/13	4	20	Smt. Sukanya W/o Sri G.Nagabhushan	East: Block No.1s Property, West: Land in Sy.No. 55, North: Lagu Hissa No.6s Property, South: Lagu Hissa Number 6s property
8.	150	54/6	6	34	Smt. Sukanya W/o Sri G.Nagabhushan	East: Land in Sy.No.53, West: Land in Sy.No. 55, North: Land in Sy.No. 54/1, South: Lagu Hissa Number 8s Property

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Advocate, Phone No: +91 - 11 - 26152230, Mob: 9811082913, 9873082913
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KMF Karnataka Co-Operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
KMF Complex, Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536625 / 25536789 Fax: 080-25536105

IFT No.: KMF/ENGG/CFPH-MAIZE SILO/1576/2024-25 **Date: 28-08-2024**

TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
[Two cover System] [Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender from the eligible Manufacturer /firms through KPP Portal for the work mentioned in the table below. The interested and reputed Manufacturer/firms who have handled similar kind of works may participate in the tender as indicated below, by logging on to website https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and also may contact Help desk E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com and helpline No. 080-25501227/ 25501216.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD in Rs.	Period of completion
1	Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Maize storage Silo sheets of capacity 1000 MT x 3 Nos and related works including removal existing Silos sheets and related works at cattle feed plant Hassan	1 Job	Rs 1.65 Lakhs	6 Months

1. Tender schedules may be downloaded from dated:29-8-2024 to 13-9-2024 up to 4.00 pm.
2. Pre bid meeting dated :05-09-2024
3. Last date for Tender submission on date:13-09-2024 up to 4.00 pm
4. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on date: 17-09-2024 at 04:30 pm.

For Karnataka Co-Op. Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/- Director [Engineering-2]

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi
Ph : 08282-271063 **Fax : 08282-271063**
E-mail : eeknnlbdvt@yahoo.co.in

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

No.EE/KNNL/BDN-4/TA/PB-1/4701 Bhadra /Tender Notification No: 05/2024-25 **Dated : 26.08.2024**

Percentage Tenders by e-procurement portal in the prescribed form is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from the eligible Contractor under the Head of Account 4701 Bhadra. The No. of work is 01. The approximate cost of amount put to tender varies from Rs.423.65Lakhs. The amount of EMD is Rs.640000/- (by e-portal.) Contractors can access and submission of completed e-tendering documents from 28.08.2024 to 11.09.2024 upto 17.30 hours in the website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Technical Bid will be opened on 12.09.2024 at 17.30 hours. After obtaining approval of technical bid from competent authority, the financial bid will be opened. Stipulated period for completion of work 08 Months (Including monsoon). For more conditions and details visit website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. OR at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No.08282-271063 / 8660573513.

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Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL,No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.

War and peace

India is not well-placed to broker a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine

Just days after his visit to Kyiv, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's telephonic conversations with U.S. President Joseph Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin have raised hopes that New Delhi is ready to take the plunge and attempt peacemaking in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Mr. Modi's travel to the UN in September, where he will meet U.S. and European leaders and possibly Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy again, and another visit to Russia in October for the BRICS summit, have fuelled those hopes. However, those who are boosting speculation of an Indian role may benefit from a careful consideration of the circumstances, and India's position thus far. Since the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, India has remained distant from the outcomes of what External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had once called "Europe's war" and any peace process that does not involve bringing Russia and Ukraine to the table for talks. It had even disassociated itself from the Swiss peace summit. While Mr. Modi has consistently said that India is "on the side of peace" alone, New Delhi has been seen to be partial to Moscow, given its historical ties and military and energy dependencies. It will need to recast itself in a more unbiased image. Meanwhile, the war continues without pause, indicating the belief in both parties of there still being military gains to be made. That Russia launched deadly attacks on Ukraine just before the Modi Moscow visit in July, and Ukraine carried out operations into Russia's Kursk Oblast just before his visit to Kyiv last week, demonstrate the dangerous power play and messaging Mr. Zelenskyy and Mr. Putin can indulge in, regardless of their guest's sensitivities.

With such entrenched positions, New Delhi must proceed with care if it indeed seeks to join the ranks of others wanting involvement in conflict resolution. Successful efforts have been few, and have required focused agendas – the Black Sea Grain Initiative; the IAEA effort, on nuclear safety at the Zaporizhzhia power plant; and the latest exchange of Russian and Ukrainian prisoners. India must also articulate its own principles for a ceasefire compromise and lasting peace. The Modi government may well benefit from studying India's own history: In the 1950s, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, at the instance of Vienna, mediated with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev on troops withdrawal from the north-east zone of Austria post-war, in return for promises of Austrian neutrality. An Indian peace initiative will be further complicated by the proposals Ukraine and Russia have themselves put forth: Mr. Zelenskyy insists on a full military withdrawal from Ukraine by Russia first, and Mr. Putin has called for Ukrainian forces to withdraw from regions now occupied by Russia, and for Kyiv to formally give up any efforts to join NATO.

Focus on trial

Agencies should shed fixation on keeping people in jail

The Supreme Court order granting bail to Bharat Rashtra Samithi leader K. Kavitha does more than grant relief to a jailed politician; it brings under focus the ill-motivated tactic of using the judicial process and the power of arrest as a tool to hound political opponents. The charge that the Delhi government's liquor policy was formulated in exchange for crores of rupees to grant a favourable deal to a certain lobby is quite serious, warranting a thorough investigation and fair prosecution. However, the focus of the Centre and its agencies seems to be entirely on keeping some political figures imprisoned in the run-up to the trial. In oral observations, a Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan has questioned the fairness of the investigation, especially because the agency has cited some of those apparently involved as witnesses, while seeking pardon to some arrested suspects so that they could testify as approvers. After a spell during which the courts were reticent to disregard the vehement objections by the prosecution to the grant of bail, the judiciary has now begun to see through the attempt to use the bail-denying features of the Prevention of Money-Laundering Act (PMLA) to keep adversaries in prison for long. The Court had earlier granted bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal (still in jail in a CBI case on the same allegations) and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.

Ms. Kavitha has been accused of arranging the alleged deal between the Delhi government and a 'south lobby'. It is notable that the political leaders have all been implicated by witnesses who themselves appear to be involved in the case and accused who have turned approvers. The Bench has questioned the Delhi High Court's failure to give her the benefit of a proviso to Section 45 of the PMLA, which allows grant of bail to women, merely on the ground that she was educated and not a "vulnerable" woman. The mere fact that the investigation by the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate is over was enough to grant bail. Instead of vehemently objecting to bail, and spending their time filing lengthy replies to a spate of bail petitions in various courts, prosecutors should concentrate on building a water-tight case. They should now focus on opening the trial and concluding it within a reasonable timeframe. The agencies concerned should remember that headlines that cite fabulous sums of money allegedly paid as bribes and thousand page charge sheets can impress only a few. Trial courts would surely prefer concrete evidence and reliable testimony backed by relevant documents.

A silent democratic backlash in South Asia

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The political trajectories of India and Pakistan apart, social forces are seeking to reclaim their democratic space

The recent developments in Bangladesh, and the earlier events in Sri Lanka and Pakistan as well as the recent electoral outcome of the general election in India, clearly suggest a silent democratic backlash in South Asia. While there have been different historical trajectories in postcolonial democracies, we will make sense of this backlash by comparing the Indian case with that of Pakistan.

Comparisons of the Indian and Pakistani political systems in the post-colonial years have concentrated primarily on reasons why democracy endured in India while Pakistan transgressed into authoritarianism, despite both having a similar colonial legacy. Many scholars have detailed the reasons contributing to democracy in India compared to Pakistan. These range from the presence of a mass-based political party system in India versus an organisationally weak Muslim League to the dominance of particular social classes constituting the Congress (middle classes) and the Muslim League (the landed aristocracy).

While the value of such works is evident and advances our understanding of the political trajectories of India and Pakistan, the traditional comparison has undermined attempts at understanding the democratic space in Pakistan in the same vein that it has obfuscated analysis of an authoritarian tendency in the Indian political system despite its democratic credentials. We expand on what we understand and imply by this particular reasoning and argue that India and Pakistan are in the midst of a silent democratic backlash, where social forces are seeking to reclaim democratic space.

Accountable democracy to an overreach?

India was typified as a case of exceptionalism with a functional democracy, a history of free and fair elections and the well-accepted operative idea of the separation of powers. Barring the aberration of the imposition of the Emergency in 1975, India remained an accountable democracy. Constitutional vision and the anti-colonial legacy did well in the Indian case to maintain the dominance of civil rule over military rule. Krishna Menon, who served as the Defence Minister (1957-62) in Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet, played his part in undermining the armed forces, whether out of a larger vision of maintaining the supremacy of civilian rule or merely out of being 'meanest and pettiest' towards his generals, as Jairam Ramesh notes in his recent biography of Krishna Menon. India never faced the threat of military dictatorship.

However, the rise of Narendra Modi in 2014 changed all that. India played the catch-up game in moving briskly towards an authoritarian model of governance based on executive overreach. It was, perhaps, for the first time that the Indian democratic exercise not only took a presidential form but also campaigned for an Opposition-free democracy with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s campaign for a 'Congress-*mukt* Bharat'. The current dispensation has been politicising issues related to security and the armed forces. Universities in India are sought to be converted into havens of religiosity and symbolism of armed forces to counter the democratic protest politics of students and youth.

In Pakistan

Pakistan, on the other hand, started out as a lost cause with the bureaucracy and the military pulverising the political process and steering it in the direction of authoritarianism. Despite the deep-seated authoritarianism at the elite level, all military dictatorships, from 1958, saw their demise through large-scale protests underlying the distaste of the masses with military rule. In one case, mass protests ushered in Pakistan's first general election, the onset of military oppression in its eastern wing and the disintegration of the state in 1971 – the exact opposite of what the military intended. The intention to control and dominate the political system collapsed again under the weight of a lawyers' movement and a public loss of legitimacy as General Musharraf's rule alienated the masses and the political elites alike. Since 2008, Pakistan has had four general elections and a relative transitioning to democracy, however, typified by a strong push-back against this transition by the military. During this time, Pakistan's politics has witnessed a political elite consensus to continue on the democratic path (as witnessed in the Charter of Democracy and also the 18th Amendment). But the last two elections (2018 and 2024) signify a worrying trend on the part of the political elites to seek consensus with the military to not only outbid but, more importantly, decimate and wipe out political opponents.

The result, however, for the political elites undertaking tactical alliances with the military for political survival and the military itself has been the contrary. What Pakistan has witnessed since 2008 is a further deepening and widening of the citizenry's advocacy for democracy, and a developing contradiction between the political class and military over who has the right to rule. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government and the military embarked on a 'one-page' mantra only to see the Pakistan Muslim League (N), or the PML-N, taking out public rallies criticising the government, but, more crucially, the military for its political engineering.

After the successful vote of no-confidence against its government, the PTI filled the PML-N's shoes by targeting the military for its dismissal which deeply resonated with the public. The result: the PTI emerged as the largest vote-getter and political party in Parliament in the general election despite the entire state machinery working to the contrary. What one learns is that an alliance with the military provides political elites a short-term route to power but only at increased reputational costs as a more politically and socially aware citizenry questions this alliance as well as the military's political engineering.

The general election in India witnessed a democratic push-back against the BJP's authoritarian politics. In Pakistan, the military-party nexus has come under the scanner with public protests and the legitimacy of the elections being questioned by the public. Though, one must hasten to add that in India, the middle classes yearned for dictatorship during certain historical moments such as the Emergency in 1975. They have felt that dictatorship would be more efficient in managing India's diversity and the social chaos that comes with it. Historically, the Pakistani middle class has also displayed a conservative political attitude favouring military rule as opposed to a chaotic democratic politics. A younger generation though has become increasingly critical of the military's ingress in politics.

In perspective

A comparative analysis of the Indian and Pakistani historical experience tells us that as democracies are experiencing backsliding there are newer methods being devised by the citizenry, including the use of digitalised spaces, to produce a democratic backlash. In both India and Pakistan, they have spoken through electoral outcomes leading to a stable political transition in India. One has to watch what form it will take in Pakistan.

Sharpening India's anti-tuberculosis fight

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With the availability of game-changing new treatments, India must recast its TB-elimination programmes

The omnipresence of tuberculosis (TB) in the pages of history and literature is testimony to how the disease has plagued generations across the world and continues to be a major problem even today. India bears over a quarter of the global TB burden. Political will in India has helped drive a great deal of progress in the fight against the disease. For example, in 2023, addressing the big challenge of 'missed' TB cases, 25.1 lakh patients were diagnosed in India as having TB, highlighting strengthened case finding efforts. However, as we work toward the goal of TB elimination – the Prime Minister has urged citizens to work towards TB elimination – we must look to innovate and deploy proven technologies and tools at our disposal.

Regimens and issues

The first low-hanging fruit that I believe must be invested in urgently is new shorter regimens for drug-resistant TB. It has been encouraging to learn that India will soon introduce the World Health Organization (WHO)-recommended shorter regimen for drug-resistant TB. The current regimens on offer are long and arduous, requiring patients to consume nearly 13 to 14 tablets every day if they are on the shorter nine to 11-month regimen, or four to five tablets every day if they have been put on the 18 to 24 month longer regimen. The treatment is physically and psychologically draining and has severe side effects, such as loss of hearing, and even psychosis.

Moreover, a problem with such an extended treatment regimen that requires regular visits to a TB clinic for nearly two years is loss of employment, driving many families into poverty.

In 2022, WHO recommended the shorter, safer and more effective regimens called BPaL/M for all drug-resistant TB patients, and there is a lot of recent data that show this regimen to be more effective with better compliance. With only three to four tablets every day, patients can complete their treatment within six months, with minimal side effects. The success rates of this regimen are also reported to be higher – 89% as compared to the 68% treatment success rate reported in the country in the 2023 India TB Report. Given its efficacy, close to 80 countries around the world have already procured the BPaL/M regimen and about 20 of the highest burden countries are already rolling it out.

Research indicates that savings from implementing this regimen will be between 40% to 90% of the cost of current treatment regimens, and that an immediate transition to BPaL/M could result in an annual saving of approximately $740 million (or approximately ₹6,180 crore) for health systems globally. This is a more effective and safer solution to treat drug-resistant TB and we must work on expediting access to this regimen to all eligible patients across the country.

Making the best use of new treatments

The next question is this. How do we go about diagnosing more people with TB so that they can benefit from these game-changing new treatments? The answer lies in making sure that we are screening and testing quickly and efficiently to reduce delays in accurate diagnosis. For this, a proactive approach is essential. It is time we modernised and used health datasets, which include GIS mapping, to identify vulnerable populations such as those with comorbidities (for example, malnutrition, diabetes and HIV), former COVID-19 patients, and at-risk communities in slums, prisons, or those who are homeless. Targeted multi-disease focused screening drives can then be conducted to detect TB cases early, even among those without typical symptoms.

In fact, recent evidence highlights that a significant number of people with pulmonary (i.e., lung) TB may not exhibit recognisable symptoms such as cough, fever, weight loss, or night sweats. The National TB Prevalence Survey (2019-21) highlights the importance of chest X-rays, which detected 42.6% of cases that would have otherwise been missed. Leveraging advancements in technology, portable X-ray machines equipped with AI-driven tools can significantly reduce diagnostic delays, especially in remote and under-resourced areas.

Further, there is a critical need to expand the use of rapid molecular tests over less sensitive microscopy methods for faster detection and drug resistance profiling. This shift is crucial in promptly identifying TB cases and determining appropriate treatment options. In short, by proactively identifying at-risk populations and investing in and leveraging advanced/innovative diagnostic technologies, we can improve TB detection rates, reduce delays, and enhance treatment outcomes.

As we look to eliminate tuberculosis and and make our country TB-free, prioritising these essential areas will be critical as these will be an investment in a healthier future for all of us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bail to BRS leader Kavitha

The Supreme Court of India's scathing criticism of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which it made while granting bail to the Bharat Rashtra Samithi leader K. Kavitha in the Delhi liquor policy scam ("SC grants bail to Kavitha, questions fairness of probe", August 28), should come as a huge embarrassment to both the central agencies. They have been chastised for quite some time for being a political instrument of the government to target key Opposition political figures. The top court has also faulted the Delhi High Court's refusal to grant her bail.

The agencies now face a significant loss of credibility in the case, where despite an 'extensive investigation', they seem to have failed to find any exculpatory evidence against the main accused.

The Court's observations spell hope that the targeting of the Opposition and dissenting voices will end soon.

Kamal Laddha,
Bengaluru

The grant of bail by the Court has clearly exposed the absence of diligence by the ED and the CBI in a high-profile case involving political bigwigs. The Court's observations should be viewed with all seriousness by the central government which should now restore the credibility of these apex investigating agencies at the earliest.

At the same time, the failure to punish political leaders, because of loopholes and anomalies in the investigation, only results in unbridled corruption. Autonomy to the ED and the CBI is a prerequisite to curbing corruption. Good governance can only evolve with honest politicians at the helm of affairs.

M.V. Nagavender Rao,
Hyderabad

Ministry and ayurveda

The AYUSH Ministry seems to think that promoting ayurveda is essentially about promoting the commercial prospects of ayurvedic products. Its errors of omission and commission emanate from this misconception. Authentic ayurvedic practice seeks to make the public as self-reliant as is safely possible; it is humble in its outlook and relies on drugs and measures that are inexpensive. Therefore, commerce ought not to be seen as a reliable parameter in gauging the popularity of ayurveda. Instead of functioning as a trade-promoter for ayurvedic products, the AYUSH Ministry would do well to focus on enhancing the evidence-based quality of traditional medical systems. Its track record in doing this has been dismal.

Dr. G.L. Krishna,
Bengaluru

U.S. visit, investments

The decision by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister to visit the United States in order to attract investments into Tamil Nadu (August 28) does have some merit. The State has value on account of its demography, state of democracy and demand. However, some points need to be stressed. Industrial estates can be a boon in development. But when an area is identified for an estate, 10% of the land area must be set aside for public purposes. No wet lands may be utilised for any industrial purpose.

A.J. Rangarajan,
Chennai

Damaged smart bikes

The Greater Chennai Corporation launched the availability of eco-friendly smart bikes, but many of them are now lying idle in parking lots that are no longer functional.

Regular users have reported that many bikes are damaged, with rusty wheel-chains, low air pressure, and dysfunctional pedals. In the Tondiarpet zone, for example, nearly 10 bikes are parked on the road. The smart bike app showed only four cycles to be available. There are similar issues in locations such as Nungambakkam, Egmore, Nehru Park, and St. Thomas Metro stations.

Priyadharshini S.,
Chennai

Corrections & Clarifications

The expansion of BCCI is Board of Control for Cricket in India and not Board of Cricket for Cricket in India, as mentioned in a report, "Jay Shah set to become youngest ICC chairperson" ('Sport' page, August 28, 2024).

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Establishing a carbon market

In her Budget speech, the Finance Minister signalled that polluting industries, such as iron, steel, and aluminium, will have to conform to emission targets. "A road map for moving the 'hard to abate' industries from energy efficiency targets to emission targets will be formulated. Appropriate regulations for transition of these industries from the current 'Perform, Achieve, and Trade' (PAT) mode to the 'Indian Carbon Market' mode will be put in place," she said.

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PAT versus emissions trading

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency defines PAT as a "regulatory instrument to reduce specific energy consumption in energy-intensive industries, with an associated market based-mechanism to enhance the cost effectiveness through certification of excess energy saving which can be traded." PAT is about meeting energy efficiency standards, which means for producing a certain output, there is an attempt to use no more than a prescribed amount of energy. So, a firm that produces more steel than another can use more fuel, but can still be more energy efficient. There is no restriction on the absolute energy used. Meeting these standards generates credits or certificates for successful firms, which they can trade.

In contrast, emissions trading, often known as cap and trade, is a market-based approach to controlling pollution by providing economic incentives for achieving reductions in the emissions of pollutants. Polluters are given emission caps. This is not based on relative standards such as energy-efficiency requirements, but on absolute standards, which are emission ceilings.

The Finance Minister's announcement underlines the fact that even from the perspective of a developing country such as India, climate change is not about equity concerns alone, but also about searching for viable options to move away from excessive dependence on fossil fuel.

In the last 15 years, India has been trying to decarbonise various sectors to meet its multiple development prerogatives, including poverty alleviation and providing its population access to affordable and reliable energy. India joined the Clean Development Mechanism, one of the Kyoto Protoco's 'flexibility mechanisms' allowing industrialised countries to undertake climate mitigation projects in developing countries through which they could earn certified emission reduction units which could be traded and used by them to meet their emission reduction targets. By 2011, India became the largest supplier of Certified Emission Reduction Units in the world after China. In pursuance of its National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency (one of the eight missions comprising the National Action Plan on Climate Change), India launched PAT in 2012.

India needs iron and steel for industrialisation, especially given the massive housing demand in urban centres with a rising population. Emissions from iron and steel production are big contributors to climate change. In the context of a Net Zero Emissions scenario by 2050, the International Energy Agency (IEA) says in a policy brief that the signs of the announced iron and steel projects meeting net zero emissions is very low.

Carbon market mode

In the international legal system, substantive obligations on climate change mitigation can be described as due diligence obligations or obligations of conduct. This means that states are obligated to exercise their best possible efforts to mitigate climate change. An example of a due diligence obligation is the nationally determined contributions (NDCs), at the heart of the Paris Agreement 2015.

It is legitimate that India re-arranges or improves upon its existing PAT scheme or devises its version of carbon market mode within the boundaries of its NDCs. India's NDC consists of eight targets, two of which relate to the energy sector. The first is to reduce emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% below the 2005 levels by 2030. The second is to achieve about 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy sources by 2030, subject to international finance and technology transfer.

Since India does not have binding greenhouse gases reduction targets compared to a baseline year in pursuance of its NDCs, it is likely that it will have its own version of the carbon market, different from the European Union Emissions Trading System (ETS). India has not taken a formal stand on ETS and has refused mandatory emission cuts. At this stage, ETS will be in conflict with India's development priorities.

The 2021 draft blueprint presented by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency envisages two mechanisms: in the first phase, a voluntary market supported by a domestic project-based offset scheme (carbon offset mechanism); and in the second, a compliance market with mandatory participation for regulated entities (carbon credits trading mechanism). As per the IEA policy brief, "it will include updating emissions measurement methodologies to support the launch of a domestic carbon credits trading scheme from 2026, which will include the iron and steel sector, alongside other industry sectors such as petrochemicals, chemicals, and aluminium".

India's search for an appropriate policy tool towards establishing a carbon market of its choice shows that climate change debates cannot be built around equity alone; they also need to be located in the broader context of socioeconomic priorities.

Climate change is not about equity concerns alone, but also about searching for viable options to move away from excessive dependence on fossil fuel

Governor vs government in Karnataka

The State is having to deal with such a conflict after more than a decade

STATE OF PLAY

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The Congress-led government in Karnataka and Raj Bhavan, presently occupied by Thaawar Chand Gehlot, a former minister in the Narendra Modi-led Union government, have been on a collision course for more than a month.

The public spat began with the Governor issuing a show-cause notice to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over a private complaint alleging corruption in the allocation of 14 alternate sites by the Mysore Urban Development Corporation (MUDA) to his wife in lieu of 3.16 acres of land she owned which MUDA developed, reportedly without acquiring it. He eventually gave sanction for prosecution in the case.

Since then, the State government, the Congress, and a host of civil society and caste organisations, considered "anti-BJP", have decried the actions as "the BJP's efforts to destabilise an Opposition government", calling the Governor a "puppet" of the Union government. The BJP has criticised the protests against the Governor and even petitioned the State police to book those who issue "derogatory statements" against him under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The State government has also been trying to project the Governor as partisan. On August 22, the State Cabinet recommended to the Governor to take a "quick decision" on requests for sanction for prosecution against four NDA leaders: three former BJP ministers and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel. Of the four, Lokayukta Police have sought sanction for prosecution against Mr. Kumaraswamy and mining baron G. Janardhan Reddy and a preliminary inquiry against Shashikala Jolle and Murugesh Nirani. At least two of these requests have been pending at Raj Bhavan for more than a year.

Several ministers have sought to contrast this delay with how the Governor served a show-cause notice to the Chief Minister promptly on July 26, just hours after a complaint alleging corruption in MUDA was lodged against him by an activist. On August 1, the Cabinet advised the Governor to withdraw the notice, which also highlighted this contrast. Mr. Siddaramaiah's petition before the Karnataka High Court challenging sanction for prosecution also argues that the move "reflects a clear bias and extraneous influence. This selective treatment and the apparent political motivations behind the Governor's actions are indicative of legal mala fides." Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has announced a 'Raj Bhavan Chalo' march on August 31, demanding that the Governor give sanction for prosecution against the NDA leaders too.

The State government has also pointed out that the Governor has sent back 11 Bills seeking clarification since January. Six of these were sent back in August alone, after the tug of war between the State government and Raj Bhavan escalated. Fifteen Congress legislators issued a joint statement in which they called the Governor's decisions "politically motivated" and said that he was "acting like an Opposition leader". Mr. Shivakumar asked, "If the Governor takes decisions based on what suits the BJP, why do we need governments in a democracy?"

Mr. Gehlot has remained resolutely silent and has not responded to any of these allegations till date.

This is not the first time that the State government and Raj Bhavan are in conflict in Karnataka. A similar situation played out in 2011 when the then Governor, Hansraj Bhardwaj, a former minister in the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government, had sanctioned prosecution against the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa of the BJP in land de-notification cases in January that year. Mr. Yediyurappa was arrested in the Rachenahalli denotification case in October 2011 by the Lokayukta Police. In the intervening period, he resigned as Chief Minister after a Lokayukta report on illegal mining indicted him. However, in 2015, the High Court of Karnataka quashed Mr. Bharadwaj's decision to sanction prosecution, providing relief to the former Chief Minister. Following this, all the FIRs against Mr. Yediyurappa were quashed.

Mr. Siddaramaiah has repeatedly tried to emphasise that unlike in the case of Mr. Yediyurappa, neither he nor his party were in power when the 14 sites in question were allotted to his wife by MUDA and that he was not linked to the sanctioning process.

India is getting complacent in its fight against polio: data

Coverage levels are poorest in the north-east, where the latest case of vaccine-derived polio was detected

DATA POINT

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Data from the National Family Health Surveys show that the pace of administration of the polio vaccine has slowed down in India. Coverage of the last dose remains relatively poor. Coverage levels are poorest in the north-east, where the latest case of vaccine-derived polio was detected in a two-year-old child in Tikrikilla village in the West Garo Hills of Meghalaya. Notably, coverage was lowest among the poorest households where the education levels of the female head of the family were not advanced.

While the last case of wild poliovirus in India was recorded in 2011, rare cases of vaccine-derived poliovirus continue to be reported. Though the government has clarified that the latest case is vaccine-derived, it is unclear whether it is a case of iVDPV (immunodeficiency-related vaccine-derived poliovirus), affecting just that one child, or circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV), which can impact the entire community.

The World Health Organization has said, "The problem is not with the vaccine itself, but with low vaccination coverage. If a population is fully immunised, they will be protected against both vaccine-derived and wild polioviruses... Circulating VDPVs occur in places where routine or supplementary immunisation activities are poorly conducted."

Chart 1 shows the share of children (12-23 months) who received various doses of specific vaccines by the appropriate age in 2019-21. Coverage of the last dose of the polio vaccine was lowest among the four select vaccine types – polio, DPT (Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis), Hepatitis B, and Pentavalent (protects against five diseases) – administered in India. While coverage of the first three doses of the polio vaccine was comparable to others, coverage of the last dose lagged behind the rest.

This has not always been the case. Coverage of the last dose of the polio vaccine was much higher than coverage of the last dose of the DPT vaccine in 1992-93, 1998-99, and 2005-06, and higher than that of the Hepatitis-B vaccine in 2015-16. However, in 2019-21, coverage of the last doses of the DPT and Hepatitis-B vaccines surpassed that of the polio vaccine. This hints at the possibility that India has become complacent in its fight against polio, possibly after it was declared polio-free (in 2014).

Chart 2 shows the share of Indian children (12-23 months) who received the last dose of specific vaccines by the appropriate age across years.

Table 3 shows the share of children (12-23 months) who received the last dose of the polio vaccine in 2019-21, based on their household's background characteristics. There is no notable variation in coverage based on gender, residence, and caste. However, the education level of the mother played a vital part – coverage increased as her education levels increased. The wealth of a household also played a significant part – coverage among the poorest households lagged behind the others. There was no difference in coverage between the middle class and the rich. Coverage was also low among Muslim households.

Map 4 shows the State-wise share of children (12-23 months) who received the last dose of the polio vaccine in 2019-21. Coverage lagged behind in the north-eastern States and in Uttar Pradesh. Odisha, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Himachal Pradesh recorded over 90% of coverage for the last dose, while Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh recorded less than 75% coverage.

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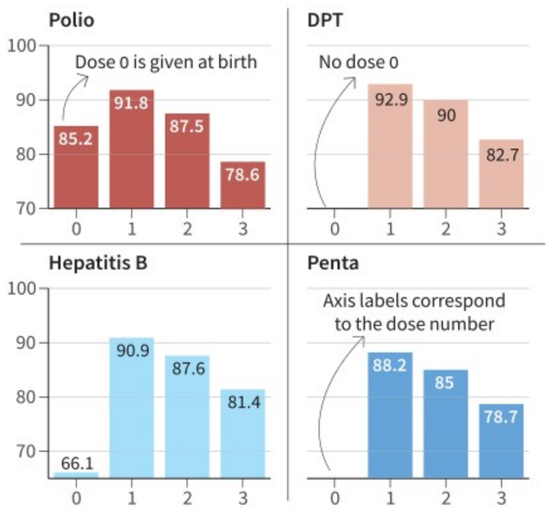
It is time to increase vaccine coverage

The data for the charts were sourced from the National Family Health Survey editions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Chart 1: % of children (12-23 months) who received various doses of specific vaccines by the appropriate age **in 2019-21**



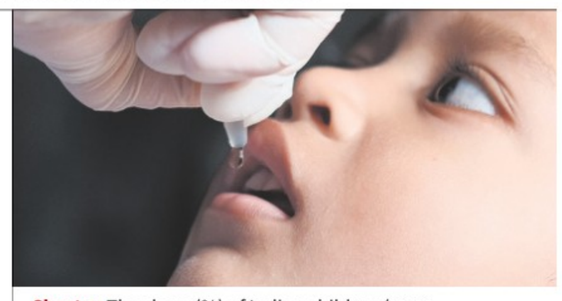


Chart 2: The share (%) of Indian children (12-23 months) who received the last dose of specific vaccines by the appropriate age **over the years**

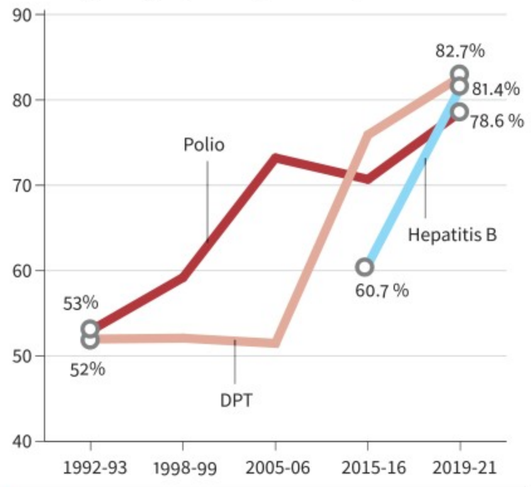


Table 3: The share (%) of children (12-23 months) who received the last dose of the polio vaccine **in 2019-21**, based on their household's background characteristics

Parameter	%	Parameter	%
Sex		**Religion**	
Male	80.8%	Hindu	81.3%
Female	80%	Muslim	75.8%
Birth order		Christian	81.2%
1	82.5%	Sikh	82.5%
2-3	80.2%	Buddhist	81.6%
4-5	75.6%	Jain	87.1%
6 or more	67.9%	**Caste**	
Residence		SC	80.5%
Urban	79.2%	ST	80.4%
Rural	80.9%	OBC	81%
Mother's schooling		Other	79.7%
0	73%	**Wealth quintile**	
<5 years	80%	Poorest 20%	75.8%
5-7 years	80%	Second	79.6%
8-9 years	81.4%	Middle	83.1%
10-11 years	84.4%	Fourth	83%
>11 years	83%	Richest 20%	82.3%

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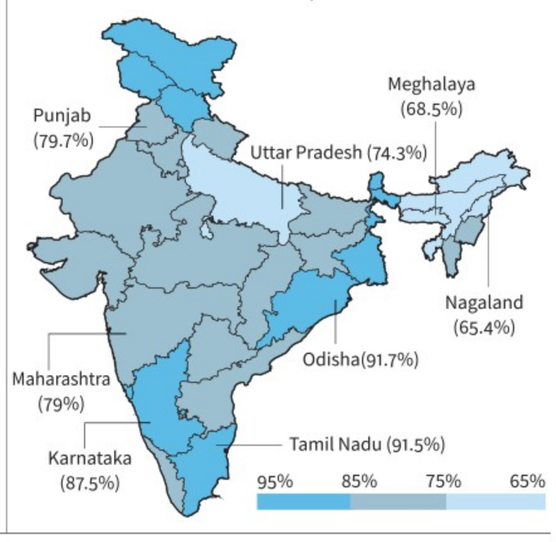
Map 4: The State-wise share (%) of children (12-23 months) who received the last dose of the polio vaccine **in 2019-21**



FROM THE ARCHIVES

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FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 29, 1974

Articles worth Rs. 30 lakhs seized in Bombay IT raid

Bombay, Aug. 29: Gold bricks, silver bars, diamonds, jewellery and silver utensils, demand drafts and hundis valued at more than Rs. 30 lakhs were seized by Income Tax officials yesterday from the residence and business premises of a widow and her son here.

One of the gold bricks bore the markings of the Bank of England. On learning of the raids the woman air dashed here from Madras. On a tip off from their counterparts the Income Tax authorities recovered from her as she alighted, demand drafts and hundis valued at Rs. 70,000. Incriminating documents were also seized from her residence.

This was described as the biggest search made in Bombay.

The authorities said a simultaneous action was taken in Madras where the firm had a branch following which the business-woman had left Madras carrying hundis, demand draft and a bunch of keys.

They said one gold brick alone with markings of Bank of England weighed 14 kg. Then there were five gold bars each weighing three kg, and bearing Reserve Bank markings. Gold coins of Indian and foreign markings weighed about seven kg., the authorities said. There are several small gold chips.

Income Tax authorities said that the gold brick and bars were found in a concealed cavity of the wall of a safe which could not be opened easily. Expert locksmiths were summoned to break it open.

It is stated that the woman had filed wealth returns giving the value of jewellery and ornaments in her possession at only Rs. one lakh, against well over Rs. 30 lakhs recovered from her premises in the raids.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 29, 1924

Bombay Governor's tour

Bombay, Aug, 28: H.E. the Governor of Bombay and Lady Wilson arrived in Bijapur this morning on an official visit and were accorded a public reception. During the morning His Excellency visited the world-famed monuments of Gel Gumhez Ibrahim Rosa and Maliki Maidan after which the Malik Sandal Masjid was inspected. His Excellency held an investiture and granted Sanads to Khan Saheb Umar Buran and Rao Saheb M.B. Desai.

From Page One

Bandh disrupts life as Trinamool takes on BJP

"Bharatiya Janata Party member Diptarup Mandal, Yuva Morcha general secretary Abhik Mandal and other karyakartas have been seriously injured in the brutal attack by TMC goons and Mamata Police at Ballavpur; Asansol South Assembly Constituency. Brute force is being unleashed to attack," Leader of the Opposition in West Bengal Suvendu Adhikari wrote on X.

State BJP president Sukanata Majumdar called the bandh a "success" and wrote to Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the law and order situation in the State. "I have written to Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah to apprise him of the alarming law and order situation in WB. CM Mamata Banerjee's recent anti-national remarks, threatening unrest across States, are deeply concerning," he posted on social media.

Mr. Majumdar was referring to the comments Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee made at a party rally where she said, "Remember if Bengal burns, then Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and Delhi will also burn."

The State government had announced several measures to thwart the strike. The Trinamool leadership said the strike did not have much impact.

'Resist mindset that sees women as less capable'

"Even as students, doctors and citizens were protesting in Kolkata, criminals remained on the prowl elsewhere. The victims include even kindergarten girls," Ms. Murmu said.

During the an interaction with *PTI*, she recalled her recent meeting with a group of schoolchildren on Raksha Bandhan. "They asked me innocently if they could be assured that there would be no recurrence of the Nirbhaya-type incident in future," the President said, referring to the rape and murder of a physiotherapy intern in Delhi in December 2012.

She noted that an outraged nation then made plans and devised strategies, and the initiatives did make some difference. In the 12 years since, there have been countless tragedies of similar nature though only few drew nationwide attention, Ms. Murmu said.

"Did we learn our lessons? As social protests petered out, these incidents got buried into a deep and inaccessible recess of social memory, to be recalled only when another heinous crime takes place," she said.

Taking a macro view of the rights of women, she said they have had to fight for every inch of ground they have won. Social prejudices as well as some customs and practices have always opposed the expansion of women's rights, she added.

"This is a rather deplorable mindset... This mindset sees the female as a lesser human being, less powerful, less capable, less intelligent," she wrote.

In her view, it is the objectification of women by a few that is behind the crimes against women.

"It is ingrained deeply in the minds of such people," the President said, stressing that countering this mindset is a task for both the State and society.

Probe into Kerala film industry gathers pace

Officials said the SIT would seek to strengthen the testimonial evidence provided by the survivors by persuading them to depose in camera in a magistrate court. However, they said, testimonial evidence alone may not provide the standard of proof required to ensure conviction in belatedly reported cases.

Hence, the SIT might examine schedules of productions, set stills, statements of co-actors and technical staff, and recollections of costumes to validate the testimony of the survivors and also build a timeline to reconstruct the chain of events that led to the offence.

Moreover, the statements of chauffeurs and personal staff of the accused persons, several high-profile actors, who often follow a well-planned day by fixing shooting dates in advance, might prove crucial to the case.

The production companies and their auditors might provide evidence of schedules, payments and other financial transactions, including hotel and vehicle rentals.

Prosecutorial advantage

The police might seek to record such statements as sworn statements for prosecutorial advantage. The SIT will also question co-actors who worked with the suspects in film sets pertinent to the crime.

A senior investigator said such supplementary statements could help the police fortify the testimonies of the survivors and enable the prosecution to assemble a water-tight case against the suspects. He said finding well-validated evidence to strengthen the credibility of the survivor's story might be the SIT's goal.

The police have so far adopted a victim-centric investigative approach. Law enforcement seemed acutely mindful that the sexual assault survivors had braved heavy personal and professional odds and risked ostracisation and vicious cyberattacks to come forward, albeit after years. The high-profile and politically sensitive investigation has captivated public attention and dominated the news cycle for days in the State.

Centre holds meeting over workplace safety of doctors

Police verification of contractual and outsourced employees of government hospitals, security audit, night patrolling, and regulated access at large health facilities among measures suggested

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Aimed at ensuring that measures are put in place by the States and Union Territories to address the concerns of doctors over their safety at their workplaces, the Centre held a meeting with the Chief Secretaries and the Directors-General of Police (DGP) on Wednesday.

Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan and Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra co-chaired the virtual meeting.

Mr. Mohan asked them to ensure installation of CCTV cameras at blind spots, integration of the 112 helpline number for healthcare workers, and regulated access to large hospitals.

People protest in Kolkata on Tuesday against the rape and murder of a resident doctor at the R.G. Kar Hospital. AP

"Officers of State governments/Union Territories apprised about the steps taken by respective governments to enhance the security and provide a safer working environment for healthcare workers across public and private hospitals, medical colleges and other healthcare institutions," the Union government said in a release.

The Union government has advocated for police verification of contractual and outsourced employees working in government hospitals, joint security audits, setting up of police *chowki* or police *thana* on premises of large medical colleges and district hospitals, increased patrolling by police at night, and setting up of complaint committees on sexual harassment.

Mr. Chandra said District Collectors, Deputy Superintendents of Police, and the management of district hospitals and medical colleges should conduct joint security audits to review any shortfall in infrastructure and security arrangements, and take up remedial measures.

In another major development, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) on Wednesday suspended the membership of Sandip Ghosh, former principal of the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital.
(With PTI inputs)

President's remarks on crimes against women show seriousness of issue: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Wednesday said the statement by President Droupadi Murmu on crimes against women reflected the seriousness and depth of the issue and that there was a need to rise above party politics to ensure that justice was done and such crimes were prevented in future.

At a press conference, BJP national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of intimidating the doctors who are protesting against the rape and murder of a colleague at a hospital in Kolkata. "After obstructing the investigation, protecting the accused, and compromising evidence in the rape and murder case of a woman doctor, Ms. Banerjee now appears to be employing a new tactic to intimidate the protesting doctors," he said.

Sudhanshu Trivedi

The BJP leader said the Chief Minister issued a veiled threat by saying that she did not want any FIR to be registered against the doctors as it would jeopardise their careers.

He also criticised Ms. Banerjee for her suggestion to hold elections in the State, calling it a reflection of the frustration and distress of the West Bengal government.

Mr. Trivedi said that seeking justice for the victim was not an electoral issue, adding that it was a matter of presenting evidence in a court of law and ensuring that those found guilty were punished. "Justice is not determined by elections... the belief that justice will be swayed by those in power is a very dangerous concept," he said.

"Unlike previous strikes, leaders of the ruling party are now trying to keep businesses open during a bandh, after which the Chief Minister addresses the media... if the Constitution is under threat anywhere, it is in West Bengal. The State's Minister, Udayan Guha, has threatened to break the fingers of anyone who challenges the Chief Minister... MP Arup Chakraborty warned that protesting doctors would face severe consequences," Mr. Trivedi said.

"The situation is clearly evident in West Bengal. Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, during his tenure as the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, had said there was no democracy in West Bengal. His words now seem to be coming true," the BJP leader said.

He also questioned the State government's handling of the case.

Bengal to pass Bill to ensure death penalty for rape, says Mamata

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said a session of the Assembly would be called next week to pass a Bill to ensure capital punishment for those convicted of rape.

The comments by the Trinamool Congress chairperson came amid outrage and protests over the rape and murder of a resident doctor at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata on August 9.

Ms. Banerjee said the Bill would be sent to Governor C.V. Ananda Bose for approval, but she is convinced that it would not be passed by him.

"Next week, we will call an Assembly session by requesting the Speaker and pass a Bill to ensure capital punishment for rapists. We will send this Bill to the Governor. If he doesn't pass, we will sit outside Raj Bhavan. This Bill must be passed and he cannot evade accountability this time," Ms. Banerjee said. She was addressing an event on the foundation day of the student wing of the Trinamool.

Mamata Banerjee

'BJP conspiracy'

The Chief Minister praised the efforts of the State police in confronting protesters who marched to the State Secretariat on Tuesday.

"I salute the police for their role yesterday. They had given their blood but did not yield a dead body to the BJP conspiracy," she said.

Amid demands by the Opposition parties for her resignation over the rape and murder, the Chief Minister targeted the Prime Minister, and said those seeking her resignation should ask for the his instead.

"They don't want the resignation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over incidents in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Assam. In Assam, the accused was killed in encounter," she added.

The Chief Minister urged agitating resident doctors to rejoin work, and said her government did not want to lodge police complaints against them which will adversely affect their career.

Slogan change

Facing relentless attack over her government's handling of the crime, the Trinamool chairperson called for a change of her party's slogan "*Badla noi Badal chai* (Want change not revenge)."

Ms. Banerjee said she had earlier given the slogan but now the workers could decide for themselves as to what they would do. "At least you can hiss at those who are spreading canards against us," she said.

Reacting to the remarks, BJP State president Sukanta Majumdar said they showed that the Chief Minister was in fear.

Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee also called for stricter laws against rape. Referring to alleged incidents of atrocities against women in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, he said, "Those who are seeking the resignation of Mamata Banerjee, should ask for Yogi Adityanath's resignation."

Mr. Banerjee said the Trinamool Congress would take to the streets if the Union government did not enact a new law to ensure time-bound trial and sentencing of those found guilty of rape.

Bail the norm, jail is exception even in PMLA cases, says SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday held that bail is the rule and jail an exception even in money laundering cases.

"Liberty of the individual is always a rule and deprivation is the exception. Deprivation can only be by the procedure established by law, which has to be a valid and reasonable procedure," a Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan observed in its judgment.

The judgment, authored by Justice Viswanathan, granted relief to Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren's aide, Prem Prakash, in an illegal mining-related case registered by the Enforcement Directorate.

The court held that Section 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) should not be construed by the prosecution in such a way to make bail an impossibility in money laundering cases.

"Section 45 PMLA does not re-write this principle [that bail is the rule] to mean that deprivation is the norm and liberty is the exception," Justice Viswanathan noted.

The court said bail is must if the twin conditions

of Section 45 were satisfied. These include: there should be reasonable grounds to believe the accused to be *prima facie* innocent and he would not commit any crime while out on bail.

Justice Viswanathan referred to the Supreme Court judgment granting bail to Manish Sisodia on August 9 to hold that bail cannot be denied on the whims of the Central agency. The ED has alleged Mr. Prakash to be a close aide of Mr. Hemant Soren.

The Supreme Court also held that the ED cannot violate the fundamental right to silence of an accused, already in judicial custody, by forcing him to make a self-incriminatory statement in another money-laundering case probed by the same investigative agency.

Justice Viswanathan reasoned that a person in custody cannot ideally be described a "free person".

India signs repeat order for 73,000 SIG 716 rifles; deliveries by 2025-end

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Defence has signed a repeat order for 73,000 SIG 716 rifles from Sig Sauer of the U.S. and deliveries are expected to completed by end-2025.

"The contract was signed in June 2024 and delivery is within 18 months of contract," a defence official said. The Army has earlier procured and inducted 72,400 SIG 716 rifles through fast-track procurement under a ₹700-crore contract signed in February 2019.

"We are proud to be a partner in the modernisation effort of the Indian Army, and prouder still that the SIG 716 rifle achieves the Ministry of Defence's modernisation goals with the second largest Army in the world," Ron Cohen, president and CEO, Sig Sauer, said in a statement issued on August 26. "Since the initial fielding of the SIG 716, we have received phenomenal end-user feedback on the performance and reliability of the platform."

The Army has inducted 66,400 of the 72,400 SIG 716 assault rifles procured under a ₹700-crore deal in February 2019. FILE PHOTO

The successful fielding and overwhelming soldier acceptance led to this follow-on award for an additional 73,000 rifles, the company added.

The Army has for long been looking to replace the indigenous INSAS (Indian National Small Arms System) rifles in use with a modern rifle.

The Army has inducted 66,400 of the 72,400 SIG 716 assault rifles procured under the deal in February 2019 and these have been provided to frontline troops involved in counter-insurgency operations.

The SIG 716, weighing 3.82 kg, has an effective range of 600 m and is more capable and reliable than the INSAS in use.

₹6,456 cr. approved for Railway projects

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved three projects of the Railway Ministry with a total estimated cost of approximately ₹6,456 crore.

The three projects covering seven districts in four States – Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal, and Chhattisgarh – will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 300 kilometres.

With these projects, 14 new stations will be constructed, providing enhancing connectivity to two aspirational districts – Nuapada and East Singhbum. New line projects will provide connectivity to approximately 1,300 villages and about 11 lakh population.

Multi-tracking project will enhance connectivity to approximately 1,300 villages catering to a population of 19 lakh.

The projects are a result of the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity which have been possible through integrated planning and will provide seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods and services.

These are essential routes for transportation of commodities such as agriculture produce, fertilizer, coal, iron ore, steel, cement, and limestone. The capacity augmentation works will result in additional freight traffic of magnitude 45 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum).

O'Brien seeks formation of standing committees

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Trinamool Congress's Rajya Sabha leader, Derek O'Brien, in a letter to the leader of the House, J.P. Nadda, lodged a complaint about the delay in the constitution of the department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees. His letter comes amid intense negotiations between the government and the Opposition on control of the committees.

The department-related Standing Committees are an essential part of the parliamentary oversight mechanism. There are 24 such committees that closely monitor the working of various Ministries. Sixteen of these are headed by Lok Sabha members and eight by their Rajya Sabha counterparts.

The Congress is looking to chair four committees.

Mr. O'Brien said that the delay in the constitution of these committees has profound implications for the democratic process.

U.P. plan to reward digital influencers draws flak

The initiative of encouraging pro-government posts faces sharp criticism from the Opposition; it says no influencer can save a government which is bound to face defeat in the coming election

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh government has come up with a new social media policy to give cash prizes to influencers who promote its initiatives, schemes, and achievements. The initiative of encouraging pro-government posts and schemes on social media faces sharp criticism from the various quarters with the Opposition parties alleging that no influencer or social media warrior can save a government which is bound to face defeat in the coming election.

"The government has decided to list agencies/firms to give advertisements to promote them for making and displaying content through digital medium like tweets/videos/posts/reels about schemes and achievements of the U.P. government. It will also help in employment opportunities to citizens of the State," a press note issued by the Principal Secretary, Information Department, Sanjay Prasad, reads.

'Paid content'

Uttar Pradesh government plans to reward social media influencers who promote its initiatives, schemes, and achievements

Maximum monthly payment limits

- X, Facebook, and Instagram: ₹5 lakh, ₹4 lakh, ₹3 lakh, ₹2 lakh — based on number of subscribers and duration of content
- YouTube videos, shorts, and podcasts: ₹8 lakh, ₹7 lakh, ₹6 lakh, ₹4 lakh
- The government has been authorised to take legal action if paid content shows any 'anti-national, anti-social, derogatory' references

Four categories

The policy also mentions categorising influencers into four categories with payment limits for influencers based on subscribers and followers on their platforms. "For X, Facebook, and Instagram, the maximum monthly payment limits are set at ₹5 lakh, ₹4 lakh, ₹3 lakh and ₹2 lakh, respectively, while on YouTube, the payment limits for videos, shorts, and podcasts are ₹8 lakh, ₹7 lakh, ₹4 lakh, and ₹4 lakh, respectively," the statement added.

Under the policy, the government has been authorised to take legal action if such paid content has any anti-national, anti-social, or derogatory reference.

"We are against any kind of censorship on social media. What has been done is bidding the independent voices and threat them, if they do not fall in line, but no influencer can save this government which is bound to go. The aim is to provide employment to BJP-linked people," SP spokesperson Ameeque Jamei said.

The Congress, while criticising U.P. government's move, said it shows nervousness amid truth coming out through social media platforms in the era of digital literacy.

Digital influencers on social media platforms argue that it signals the government's attempt to get produced favourable content and influence the public through the medium.

With the latest elections, NDA crosses the majority mark in the Rajya Sabha

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With the latest round of elections to the Rajya Sabha, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance has reached the majority mark in the House, after adding 12 more members to its ranks.

The BJP, which has been the single largest party in the Upper House for some time, has increased its strength to 96 and along with allies, six nominated members and two Independents, the NDA now has the support of 119 members.

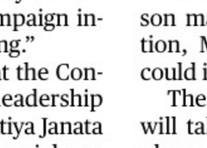
The strength of the Rajya Sabha is 237 now. The majority mark is thus 119. These numbers will hold till April 2026, when the largest lot of 31 seats from 10 States are up for grabs.

In the past 10 years of the Narendra Modi government, no Bill had been stalled for want of a clear majority in the Upper House.

Upper House strength

With 12 new members elected unopposed, the BJP strengthened its position in Rajya Sabha while Congress is close to losing the Leader of the Opposition status

- BJP's strength in the Rajya Sabha is 96 and with the support of allies, NDA's tally in the House is 119
- The Congress with 26 members is close to losing its Leader of the Opposition
- The next round of Rajya Sabha elections is scheduled for November when 11 members will retire



The YSR Congress Party and Biju Janata Dal, which have always stood apart from the ruling and Opposition blocs, had more often than not come out in support of the government Bills.

The two parties, since the 2024 general election, though have been inching closer to the Opposition.

Congress's strength

The Congress, on the other hand, had been perilously close to losing the Leader of the Opposition status with its depleted strength. It has 26 members at present.

In a full-strength House, a party needs to have at least 25 MPs to get the Leader of the Opposition's position.

For the rest of the year, not much change is expected in the Rajya Sabha arithmetic.

The next big round of elections will happen in November when 11 members from Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand retire. Among them, 10 will be from the BJP and one from Samajwadi Party.

EC notice to BJP for using child in Haryana poll video

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Taking a serious view of a social media post by the BJP using a child in a Haryana campaign video, the Election Commission on Wednesday issued notice to the party's state president.

The post on X features Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini interacting with children in various social events and begins with a child saying "*Apki Baar Saini Sarkar* (this time Saini government)."

EC sources said that using a child in any campaign video violated EC guidelines prohibiting use of children in election-related activities and campaigning. A show-cause notice has been issued by the Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana to the BJP State president. He has been asked to submit a response by 6 p.m. on Thursday. In a communication to all political parties in February in the run up to the General Elections, the commission had conveyed "zero tolerance" towards use of children in the electoral process by parties and candidates.

Congress will not field MPs for Haryana polls

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress MPs from Haryana will not be allowed to contest the Assembly election, the party's in-charge for the State, Deepak Babaria, said on Wednesday.

The statements come against the backdrop of speculation that Lok Sabha member Kumari Selja and Rajya Sabha member Randeep Surjewala could be interested in returning to State politics.

The screening panel, headed by Ajay Maken, has been meeting to finalise the candidates for 90 seats.

"Nobody will be given permission to contest. To fight the election, they will be required to take permission from the Congress president and high command, and the broad thinking that has emerged is that no one will be given permission," Mr. Babaria said.

Mr. Babaria is part of the panel that will shortlist possible candidates. So far, discussions on potential candidates for 25 seats have taken place. The party is said to have received more than 2,500 applicants for the 90 Assembly seats.

'No desire shown'

"In my knowledge, no Parliament member has shown any desire to contest the Assembly election. Without permission of the party, how can anyone contest the election," he asked.

"When the claim of a Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha member comes up, the committee's approach would be that they should focus on the campaign instead of contesting."

Taking a dig at the Congress's internal leadership tussle, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), in a social media post on X, urged its rival to declare Ms. Selja as the chief ministerial candidate.

There is also speculation that Mr. Surjewala, a Congress general secretary and Rajya Sabha member, may seek to return to State politics.

Asked if Mr. Surjewala's son may contest the election, Mr. Babaria said he could if he wants to.

The election in Haryana will take place in a single phase on October 1, and the votes will be counted on October 4 along with those of Jammu and Kashmir.

PMJDY personifies dignity and empowerment: Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed his government's programme of financial inclusion, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), as it completed 10 years, by penning a long post on LinkedIn on Wednesday. The programme personified dignity, empowerment, and the opportunity to participate in the economic life of the country, especially for women and for those in rural and semi-urban parts of the country, he said.

He added that for him, the PMJDY initiative was more than just a policy; rather, it was an endeavour to build an India where each and every citizen, irrespective of one's economic background, has access to the formal banking apparatus.

The success of the Jan Dhan Yojana has two parts to it, said Mr. Modi. The first is in the numbers, with over 53 crore people having bank accounts now. These accounts have a total deposit balance of over ₹2.3 lakh crore, he said.

Narendra Modi

"In the second part, Jan Dhan Yojana has proven to be game-changing as far as women's empowerment is concerned. Almost 30 crore women have been brought into the banking system," he said.

'Effective policing key to promote economic growth'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan on Wednesday said that for India to become the third-largest economy, "effective policing, law and order, and effective action against crimes and criminals" are necessary.

Mr. Mohan, who took charge last week, delivered the Dr. Anand Swarup Gupta Memorial Lecture on "New Criminal Laws - Citizen Centric Reforms" at the foundation day ceremony of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).

Mr. Mohan stressed the requirement for contemporary and relevant jurisprudence for law enforcement agencies to break the shackles of colonialism, adding that the new criminal laws are victim-centric and the purpose of these laws is to give justice, and not punishment. He highlighted the key features of the laws, especially those related to citizen-friendly measures such as zero FIR and e-FIR, introduction of community service as a new form of punishment, and more lenient treatment of first-time offenders.

Mr. Mohan said that the role of the Bureau in police modernisation and upgradation is of paramount importance.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Request for Proposal is invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore for Selection of design and project implementation consultancy for Establishment of Museum of the Brain and Mind at NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND NEUROSCIENCES (NIMHANS), Bengaluru.

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6	Package-06	225	A/C	General
7	Package-07	225	A/C	General
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Date of Pre-Bid meeting: **31.08.2024 at 11:00 hrs. Place:** Chief Traffic Manager (Com), 2nd Floor, Central Offices, BMTC, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru. Last date & time for submission of bids is on: **05.09.2024 up to 17:00 hrs.** Opening of Technical bids is on: **09.09.2024 at 11:30 hrs.** Opening of Financial bids is on: To be intimated latter.

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CORRIGENDUM NO- I

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Tender No. & Description of Material	Extended due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0518/0824 [RFX.No.5000001272] [3rd Call] (Two Bid System) Procurement of 400kV, 125MVAr, 3-Φ Bus Reactor along with Surge Arrestor and New Uninhibited Naphthenic Based High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil required for Nagpur, Pune& Karad Zones of MSETCL.	09.09.2024 Up to 16:00 Hrs. / 09.09.2024 at 16:15 Hrs.
CORRIGENDUM NO.1 Dt.26.08.2024	**Corrigendum on Qualifying Requirement Clause and Clarifications regarding Commercial/Technical Pre-Bid Queries of the Tender is published on SRM Portal viz. https://srmetender.mahatransco.in/ and MSETCL Portal viz. https://www.mahatransco.in/ The Due Date of Submission is extended upto 09.09.2024 (16:00 Hrs). Bidders are requested to refer the same and submit their Bids accordingly**

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Uttar Pradesh New & Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA) invites Online Bids from Prospective Bidders through e-procurement portal for **Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & 5 Years Comprehensive Maintenance of Distributed Grid Connected Solar PV Systems along with VFD for Solarization of 10000 Nos Grid Connected Agriculture Pumps under KUSUM Component C-1 Scheme in the state of Uttar Pradesh as per specification given in Scope of Work of Bid Document.**

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a	Fee of tender Document (Non Refundable)	Rs 10000+ 18% GST= Rs 11800
b	Estimated Project Cost including GST (Rs)	Rs 407.41 Crores
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i	Venue of opening of technical & financial Bid	UPNEDA Head Office, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010

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हमारा प्रण ऊर्जा संरक्षण **DIRECTOR UPNEDA**

INBRIEF

Cabinet approves private FM radio in 234 more cities

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a proposal for e-auctions to set up 730 private FM channels in 234 more cities across the country with an estimated reserve price of ₹784.87 crore, as part of the initiative to expand the reach of these channels. "The Cabinet decision on the rollout of private FM Radio to 234 cities and towns will enhance access to diverse and local content, thus encouraging creativity and encouraging local languages as well as cultures," Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on X. The Cabinet has also cleared the proposal to charge FM channel's annual licence fee at 4% of the gross revenue, excluding GST. Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the move would fulfil the unmet demand for FM radio in the places that were not yet covered.

ED attaches ₹294.19 crore in Sunstar Overseas Ltd. case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth ₹294.19 crore in a money laundering case involving Sunstar Overseas Limited and others, who have been accused of cheating a consortium of nine banks to the tune of ₹950 crore. The attached assets are in the form of land and buildings, including agricultural land, of 72 acres worth ₹210.6 crore in Haryana's Sonepat and Gurugram, and Amritsar; two residential houses in Civil Lines, Delhi, of more than 5000 sq. metre worth ₹77 crore; four flats in Karnal, Haryana, worth ₹1.54 crore as well as a bank balance of ₹1.27 crore and fixed-deposit worth ₹3.78 crore. The action has been taken based on a First Information Report registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Brij Bhushan moves HC against trial in local court

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh has moved the Delhi High Court challenging the ongoing trial before a local court in relation to the sexual harassment allegations against him levelled by women wrestlers.

Mr. Singh has sought the quashing of legal proceedings, including the FIR and the trial court order that framed charges against him. His plea is likely to be heard on Thursday.

A Delhi court had, on May 10, framed charges of sexual harassment and outraging modesty against the BJP MP from Kaisarganj and former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president.

The trial court said there was sufficient material on record to frame the accused for the offences punishable under Sections 354 (outraging modesty of a woman) and 354A (sexual harassment) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), with respect to five wrestlers, who were named as victim no. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The court further observed that there is sufficient material on record to frame charges against Mr. Singh for the offence punishable under Section 506 (1) (criminal intimidation) of the IPC with respect to two wrestlers.

Centre offers discussions with unions on Labour Codes

Ten Central trade unions demand restoration of old pension scheme, want government to convene Indian Labour Conference; Labour Minister seeks unions' inputs on ELI schemes

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Minister of Labour and Employment Mansukh Mandaviya, along with Minister of State for Labour Shobha Karandlaje, during a meeting with the trade union members, in New Delhi. PTI

Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has agreed to hold further discussions on the implementation of the four Labour Codes with the Central trade unions, union leaders said on Wednesday. The Minister's assurance came during a round-table meeting with the CTUs, where 10 unions alleged that the codes were in favour of big corporations.

The meeting reflected differing priorities – while the meeting's agenda was to discuss the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) schemes recently announced in the Union Budget – the CTUs said they had raised concerns about the four codes and submitted a detailed memorandum to Mr. Mandaviya on the new Unified Pension Scheme, their demand to restore the non-contributory Old Pension Scheme, and to convene the Indian Labour Conference, and other issues. The meeting was also attended by Minister of State for Labour Shobha Karandlaje.

Talking to presspersons after the meeting, Mr. Mandaviya said detailed discussions were held on the ELI schemes, which are projected to create two crore jobs in the country. "We are going to implement this scheme. We need inputs and suggestions from the CTUs on this scheme," he said, noting that unions are the voice of the workers and their insights are invaluable to shaping policies that are not only effective but also fair and inclusive.

However, even the Sangh Parivar-backed union, the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), sought clarifications on the ELI. BMS vice-president Raj Behari Sharma, who represented the organisation in the meeting, said that the ELI scheme is for the formal sector and asked the Centre to do something for the informal sector, which is in trouble. "There is huge spending for the formal sector, but the informal sector and workers in informal sector are suffering," he said, though he added that the ELI will be a foolproof scheme as the subsidy will go directly to the worker and the Employees Provident Fund.

The trade unions said the discussion was not just on ELI. "We have raised a host of issues including the implementation of Labour Codes. The Minister said he is ready for further discussions on Labour Codes," All India Trade Union Congress general secretary Amarjeet Kaur said. "On the issues of holding the Indian Labour Conference, non-implementation of existing labour laws, absence of inspections to ensure decent work conditions and guaranteeing occupational safety and health of workers, the Minister assured that he would have regular meetings on the issues raised by the unions including the Labour Codes for resolutions with mutual discussions," she added.

The ten CTUs also demanded that the Centre scrap the National Monetisation Pipeline and roll back the corporatisation of ordnance factories.

"Agnipath scheme should be scrapped and regular recruitment to be started at the earliest," they said in their memorandum.

Union Cabinet redesigns Agri Infra Fund to cover FPOs

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet, on Wednesday, expanded the scope of the Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF). The scheme, worth ₹1 lakh crore, would be redesigned to include financial support for Farmers' Producers Organisations (FPOs) to enhance their financial security and creditworthiness. The Centre said the AIF would be more attractive now and strengthen the farm-related infrastructure facilities in the country.

In a statement, the Centre said that the Cabinet approved the progressive expansion to make it more attractive, impactful, and inclusive. "These initiatives aim at expanding the scope of eligible projects and integrate additional supportive measures to foster a robust agricultural infrastructure ecosystem," the statement said.

"₹47,575 crore has been sanctioned for 74,508 projects under AIF till date. These sanctioned projects have mobilised an investment of ₹78,596 crore in the agriculture sector, out of which ₹78,433 crore has been mobilised from private entities," it said, adding that infrastructure projects sanctioned under AIF have helped in generating more than 8.19 lakh rural employment opportunities in the agriculture sector.

Further transmission of Chandipura virus possible in coming weeks, warns WHO

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The current outbreak of the Chandipura virus (CHPV) infection in India is considered the largest in the past 20 years, says the World Health Organization (WHO).

While the authorities are making efforts to control the transmission of CHPV, further transmission is possible in the coming weeks, considering the favourable conditions for vector populations during the monsoon season in affected areas, warned the WHO.

The WHO has not recommended any general travel or trade restrictions based on the available information. However, it maintained that surveillance efforts should be enhanced in high-risk areas, focusing on people at risk, such as children younger than 15 years presenting with acute onset of fever and central nervous system symptoms.

A worker fumigates a slum area in Ahmedabad to prevent the spread of CHPV, on July 31.

Between early June and August 15, the Health Ministry reported 245 cases of acute encephalitis syndrome (AES), including 82 deaths (case fatality rate 33%). Of these, 64 are confirmed cases of Chandipura virus infection.

CHPV is transmitted by vectors such as sandflies, mosquitoes, and ticks.

According to the note released by the WHO, survival can be increased with early access to care and intensive supportive care of patients.

Of the 64 confirmed cases, 61 cases have been reported from Gujarat and three from Rajasthan, the note said.

Workshop on positive mind mastery to be organised for students

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

MiTran Global will organise an online "Positive Mind Mastery Workshop" for students in the age group of 11 to 17 and their parents on August 31 and September 1.

Sessions will be held in five slots.

The two-hour workshop will focus on techniques aimed at empowering students as well as their parents, with the key takeaways including emotional resilience, study strategies, positive mindset, handling peer pressure, and goal setting. Vidyashankar Guru, co-founder and chief vision officer, MiTran Global, will lead the workshop.

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The first 25 registered participants who attend the session in full will receive the *I Love Exams* ebook free. Participants can register at *https://hub.mitranglobal.online*

The Hindu In School is the media partner for the event.

Environment ignored in considering sites for Nicobar Islands project, says Jairam

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Environment Ministry's go-ahead to the ₹72,000-crore infrastructure project on the Nicobar Islands had not considered the "least environmentally destructive" site at Campbell Bay. This, despite an Expert Appraisal Committee pointing out that the project location had been chosen purely on technical and financial criteria, Congress spokesperson and Rajya Sabha MP Jairam Ramesh wrote in a letter to Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav.

Mr. Ramesh wrote that the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management report saying that no part of the proposed project would come in the highly sensitive Coastal Regulation Zone-1A or CRZ 1A, "was at odds with the available evidence." There were 51 Megapode nests, and 20,668 coral colonies located at the project site and Galathea was known to be a site important for turtle conservation. "By definition, areas with coral and turtle nesting sites are in CRZ 1A and the High Powered Committee reclassifying it as CRZ 1 B was "hard to believe" because the results of the exercise weren't yet public," he said. The bulk of the project was "commercial" and there was thus little reason to keep the report of the High Powered Committee confidential on the grounds that the project had strategic and defence imperatives, Mr. Ramesh added.

Jairam Ramesh

He also said the project would invite a large influx of people and tourists which the tribes would be "ill-equipped" to navigate.

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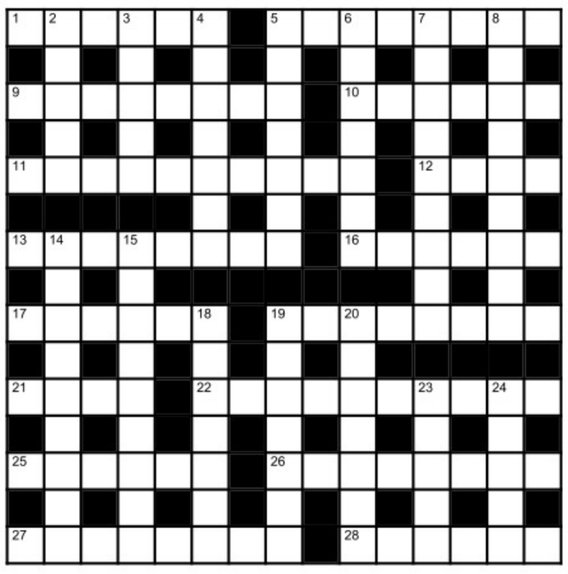

Across

1 Comes back bare-chested? Right! (4,2)
5 Tempers curried sausages (8)
9 How ideas can be made available? (3-5)
10 The man composed 'Jana Gana Mana,' for one (6)
11 High-spirited, nosy dates ignored for two models (10)
12 Bond's reluctant to start late (4)
13 I returned device to Electrical Engineer's assistant (8)
16 Penny's almost lethargic and a bit silly in shopping centres (6)
17 Small party with island lobsters (6)
19 Leaving two states, performing without a choreographer basically (8)
21 Get master to drop student (4)
22 Judge and criminal met in suite almost on the dot (4,2,4)
25 Respect husband working in court but not taking sides (6)
26 Vents about that man's joints on radio (8)
27 One present, a bit tardy, two hours before midnight, nearly yawning! (8)
28 Found time to miss (6)

Down

2 Bit of rest for the listener (5)
3 Drink after first signs of tiredness, oversensitiveness and snowballing tension (5)
4 Simplicity from extraordinary navy tie (7)
5 Wonderful afternoon, when everything's so overwhelmingly, magically ethereal at first (7)
6 Look good! Meticulous with a sharp tie, you top the finalists! (5,2)
7 So a truant can be one who needs space to work? (9)
8 Listen! Frost's drill results in peer pressure? (3,6)
14 Somehow a dumb outback's not bad, maybe to fool around (4,5)
15 Lose melon, bananas and fish (5,4)
18 Bruised now, Jack's unusually rude (7)
19 Henry abandons car cracked by second bump (7)
20 Cowardly about one fight (7)
23 Smarter one tries to display elevated orientation (5)
24 Reverend's lament? Yours truly, perhaps (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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6	4	8	5	7	1	9	2	3

FAITH

Power of Sahasranama

Reciting or listening to Sri Vishnu Sahasranama, composed by grandsire Bhishma, is a delight for our ears. It praises Lord Vishnu and His great qualities. Even if people cannot chant completely, chanting the verse *"Sri Rama Rama Ramethi"* is considered equal to chanting all His thousand names.

Sri Dushyant Sridhar said in a discourse that Andal says about His thousand names, *"Namam Ayiram Etha Nindra Narayana."* Thirumangai Azhwar also praises as *"perayiram udayan."* In ancient days, Ayurveda physicians would prescribe medicines and advise patients to chant Sahasranama for cure. It is the panacea to most ailments; besides yielding good mental and physical health, chanting Vishnu Sahasranama ensures peacefulness. Sri Parasara Bhattar wrote a commentary (*Bhashya*) on Sri Vishnu Sahasranama, and Acharya quoted six reasons for its glory. The epic Mahabharatha is extensive, containing 1,25,000 verses, and it is difficult to read and understand all of them. Vishnu Sahasranama is considered the essence of the Mahabharatha. Various saints and sages have experienced divine bliss by reciting it. Sage Veda Vyasa, who had classified all the Vedas, had edited Sri Vishnu Sahasranama. Any one can listen or recite. All the essential doctrines of the Bhagavad Gita are found in Sahasranama.

INBRIEF

State Bank of India raises ₹7,500 crore via tier 2 bonds

State Bank of India said it raised ₹7,500 crore at a coupon of 7.42% via its first Basel III-compliant tier 2 bond issue for FY25. The bonds are issued for a 15-year tenor, with call option after 10 years and each anniversary dates thereafter. "The issue attracted overwhelming response from investors with bids in excess of ₹8,800 crore against the base issue size of ₹5,000 crore. The bank has decided to accept ₹7,500 crore at a coupon rate of 7.42% payable annually.

Avesthagen, Apollo AyurVAID partner for medical foods

Lifesciences company Avesthagen Ltd. and Apollo AyurVAID, an Ayurveda chain of hospitals, announced a strategic partnership to design, validate, make and market scientifically-validated medical foods and dietary supplements. They will be marketed under AvestaAyurVAID brand, said the Apollo Hospitals Group Company. While Avesthagen's Avesta Nordic Research Pvt. Ltd. and Avesta Good Earth Foods Pvt. Ltd. will make the products, Apollo AyurVAID will market them.

HUL receives Income Tax demand notice for ₹962.75 cr.

FMCG maker HUL said it has received a demand notice of ₹962.75 crore from the Income Tax Department and will go in for an appeal against the order. The notice relates to non-deduction of Tax Deducted at Source on payment of ₹3,045 crore to GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare for the acquisition of Intellectual Property Rights of the Health Foods Drinks (HFD) business consisting of brands as Horlicks, Boost, Maltova, and Viva, according to an exchange filing. PTI

SEBI flags 'pattern' in some SME founders rigging stocks

Post listing, some SMEs and/or promoters resort to means of projecting an unrealistic picture of the companies' operations, affording an opportunity for them to offload stocks at elevated prices

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has cautioned investors against a specific pattern deployed by promoters of certain firms listed on the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) platforms of stock exchanges to induce investors through positive portrayal and corporate actions before offloading the stocks at elevated prices.

"Post listing, some SME firms and/or promoters have been seen to make public announcements that create a positive picture of operations," it said.

Small firms, huge concern

SEBI cautions investors about the template some SME founders use to lift share prices before selling at elevated levels

- Post listing, promoters announce stock splits/bonus issues
- This induces investors to buy the securities
- Promoters then offload the holdings at higher prices
- Investors urged to not rely on unverified social-media posts/rumours

"These announcements are typically followed up with various corporate actions such as bonus issues, stock splits and preferential allotments. The actions induce them [investors] into purchasing such securities," SEBI added.

"This presents an easy opportunity to the promoters to offload the holdings at elevated prices."

SEBI said in the recent past it passed orders against such entities. In the last decade, more than ₹14,000 crore was raised via the platforms of which about ₹6,000 crore was collected in FY24. The regulator asked investors to be cautious while investing.

CCI clears merger of Disney–RIL media assets

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on Wednesday provisionally approved the ₹70,350 crore combination involving Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and its units Viacom18 Media Pvt. Limited (Viacom18), Digital18 Media Ltd. with The Walt Disney Co.'s (TWDC) Star India Pvt. Ltd. (SIPL) and Star Television Productions Ltd. (STPL), "subject to the compliance of voluntary modifications," the watchdog said in a press release.

A detailed order has not yet been released, and it is not clear what the modifications are, though Reuters reported that RIL offered concessions like a commitment to avoid "unreasonable" rate increases for advertisements during cricket matches.

"As a result of the transaction, SIPL, currently a wholly owned entity of TWDC through its subsidiaries, shall become a joint venture (JV) which will be jointly held by RIL, Viacom18 and existing TWDC subsidiaries," the CCI said.

The combination would result in a consolidation of television and streaming in India, with the Jefferies Group estimating that the venture would control about 40% of the streaming and TV advertising market. The merger would also lead to consolidation of cricket broadcasting – currently, Indian Premier League rights are split between Star and Viacom18 for TV and streaming.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	81,786	0.09
US Dollar	83.97	-0.05
Gold	74,350	0.00
Brent oil	78.97	-1.16

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3028.00	-39.10
Adani Ports	1469.80	-8.55
Apollo Hosp	6776.45	-5.00
Asian Paints	3125.50	-40.70
Axis Bank	1170.95	-10.30
Bajaj Auto	10656.75	155.15
Bajaj Finserv	1713.50	-5.50
Bajaj Finance	6900.00	36.40
Bharti Airtel	1556.35	33.60
BPCL	348.15	-0.90
Britannia Ind	5703.35	-60.95
Cipla	1618.20	20.15
Coal India	526.35	-5.05
Divis Lab	5030.70	128.20
Dr Reddys Lab	6999.30	36.35
Eicher Motors	4946.85	78.00
Grasim Ind	2715.55	15.65
HCL Tech	1719.45	7.85
HDFC Bank	1637.10	-0.65
HDFC Life	742.10	2.55
Hero MotoCorp	5311.40	-45.15
Hindalco	705.05	1.55
Hind Unilever	2764.35	-2.55
ICICI Bank	1223.85	-2.50
IndusInd Bank	1415.75	32.55
Infosys	1939.10	39.00
ITC	497.30	-3.30
JSW Steel	949.25	5.25
Kotak Bank	1791.30	-12.05
L&T	3689.05	-13.65
LTIMindtree Ltd.	6127.55	376.00
M&M	2798.00	17.20
Maruti Suzuki	12357.50	-139.40
NestleIndia	2492.50	-28.95
NTPC	409.05	-0.60
ONGC	327.80	-1.05
PowerGrid Corp	334.45	-0.90
Reliance Ind	2996.60	-4.30
SBI Life	1843.70	4.75
State Bank	809.40	-6.50
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3201.85	-27.60
Sun Pharma	1811.85	22.45
TataConsumerProduct	1201.15	-8.45
Tata Motors	1074.55	-2.70
Tata Steel	153.70	-1.00
TCS	4506.05	8.90
Tech Mahindra	1627.35	2.75
Titan	3527.50	-23.75
UltraTech Cement	11234.80	-65.55
Wipro	534.60	17.45

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 28

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.75	84.07
Euro	93.16	93.52
British Pound	110.68	111.11
Japanese Yen (100)	57.99	58.22
Chinese Yuan	11.75	11.80
Swiss Franc	99.32	99.71
Singapore Dollar	64.24	64.50
Canadian Dollar	62.20	62.44
Malaysian Ringitt	19.27	19.36
Australian Dollar	56.84	57.05

Source:Indian Bank

NCAER sees 'softer' economic outlook

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The outlook for the Indian economy seems softer this month, with a few economic indicators weakening even as core inflation witnessed a slight uptick amid cooler headline inflation, the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) said on Wednesday.

The Council said in its August review that high-frequency indicators reveal the domestic economy has remained resilient, but the outlook remains softer. The NCAER flagged the moderation in industrial output and core sectors' performance in June, and noted a deceleration in credit growth for the industrial and services sectors' as well as for personal loans. While headline year-on-year inflation slowed for both consumer and wholesale prices in July 2024, the NCAER observed there was some cause for cheer in the farm sector with the second half of the southwest monsoon projected to be above normal.

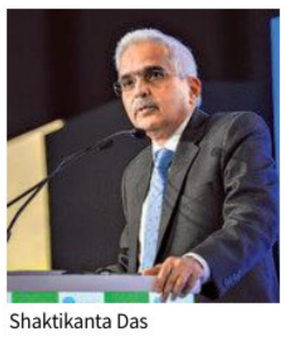
"The progress of kharif sowing until the middle of August shows that the proportion of area sown was higher at 94.1% compared to 93.7% last year," it said.

'AI will revolutionise financial services'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML) "is poised to revolutionise financial services in unprecedented ways," Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das said on Wednesday addressing the Global FinTech Fest, a three-day event in the city.

"AI algorithms are already being deployed for fraud detection. ML models are being employed in credit scoring, leveraging predictive analytics to assess creditworthiness," Mr. Das said, adding AI-driven virtual assistants were enhancing customer experiences by providing bespoke recommendations and resolving queries.


Shaktikanta Das

He said, as AI/ML capabilities evolve, their application in regulatory compliance, could redefine the financial landscape.

C.S. Setty succeeds Khara at SBI's helm

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Challa Sreenivasulu Setty on Wednesday assumed charge as Chairman of the country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI).

He succeeds Dinesh Khara, who superannuated from services at the close of business hours on Tuesday, SBI said in a regulatory filing.

Prior to becoming Chairman, Mr. Setty, who was the senior-most managing director, headed various task forces/committees formed by the Union Government and had prior to that overseen the lender's retail and digital banking portfolio.

CCEA clears 12 industrial parks across 10 States

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Wednesday cleared an outlay of ₹28,602 crore to set up 12 industrial parks across 10 States and along six major industrial corridors, in line with an announcement in the Union Budget.

The government said these greenfield industrial "smart cities" can attract potential investments of ₹1.5 lakh crore, creating a potential 1 million direct and up to 3 million indirect jobs. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal signalled these were 'conservative estimates' and said these projects, that will offer investors a 'plug and play' alternative to set up shop, will be completed in three years, with land acquisition and environmental clearances already in place.

Piyush Goyal

While one location was not named due to the model code of conduct for assembly polls, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh will host two parks each, and one would come up in Gaya, Bihar. Dighi in Maharashtra will host one of two new facilities proposed along the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor.

The CCEA nod covers the development of one industrial park each along the corridors coming up between Vizag and Chennai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Nagpur, and Chennai and Bengaluru.

These are the first set of about 100 investment-ready "plug and play" industrial parks with complete infrastructure in or near cities, in partnership with the States and private sector, by better using town planning schemes, announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in this year's Budget.

De Beers, Tanishq ally to boost natural diamond jewellery use

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Leading diamond company De Beers Group and jewellery retail brand Tanishq announced long-term collaboration to promote the sale and consumption of natural diamonds and grow the Indian market for the precious stone.

The demand for natural diamond jewellery from Indian clients had surged and now represented 11% of the global demand.

This has seen India replace China as the second-largest market in the world for the jewellery, they said.

With diamond acquisition rates in India well below those in mature markets such as the U.S., this provides a significant opportunity to catalyse further growth for natural diamond jewellery in India, they added.

Chawla (L) with Conseiller

Doubling customers

Tanishq expects consumer base for natural diamond studded jewellery to double from the current 1 million in the coming years.

The collaboration will focus on building extensive consumer outreach and deepening capabilities of Tanishq staff to communicate on the diamonds.

"Combining our expertise with their deep understanding of the Indian market, we will work together to create something special to connect more Indian consumers to the natural treasures," said Sandrine Conseiller, CEO, De Beers Brands.

"The opportunity in India for diamonds is massive, given the very low penetration of studded jewellery and the rising per capita incomes in the world's most populous country," said Ajoy Chawla, CEO, Jewellery Division, Titan Company Ltd.

Shriram Capital names JMD Subhasri as MD & CEO

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Shriram Capital Private Ltd., announced the appointment of Subhasri as its MD and CEO, effective September 1.

Subhasri, who has been serving as the Joint Managing Director, will take over the new role with a vision to drive the company toward greater success, the holding company of the Shriram Group said in a press statement.

In her earlier roles, she was the Executive Director and CFO of Shriram City Union Finance (now Shriram Finance) and joint MD of Shriram Capital.

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ई– निविदा सूचना संख्या – RDD/SD/SKELLA/10/2024-25

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

क्र०सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रधन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	सरायकेला–खरसावाँ जिला के सरायकेला प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत मुरूप और गोविन्दपुर के बीच संजय नदी पुल निर्माण।	8,15,57,100.00	16,31,200.00	10000.00	24 माह
2	सरायकेला–खरसावाँ जिला के गम्हरिया प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत बुरूडीह से कान्दरबेड़ा के बीच सुवर्णरेखा नदी पर पुल निर्माण।	10,67,47,500.00	21,35,000.00	10000.00	24 माह
3	सरायकेला–खरसावाँ जिला के चाण्डिल प्रखण्ड के धुनाबुरू पंचायत के ग्राम–रायडीह से जुरगू के बीच कुड़म घाट में पलना नाला पर पुल निर्माण।	3,71,75,900.00	7,43,600.00	10000.00	18 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 06.09.2024
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 06.09.2024 से दिनांक 19.09.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
4. ई–निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला।
5. ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 21.09.2024 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे
6. ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:–कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, सरायकेला।
7. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० – 9431183167 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
8. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है तद्नुसार अग्रधन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि का ई–भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रधन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
Construction & Maintenance Division, LPSC CAMPUS
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Date: 28.08.2024

e-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, Item rate tenders are invited for the following works.

Name of work	**Removing of debris, rubbish, cotton, murrum, dry leaves, building materials, stone slabs & rotten tree trunks at LPSC(B) Campus, Bengaluru.**	**Providing Fire rated Doors for SRDD Laboratories at LPSC(B) Campus, Bengaluru**
Tender Notice No	CMD/LPSC(B)/02/2004/Re-Tender C/MI/010/2024-25 Dt: 28.08.2024	CMD/LPSC(B)/02/2006/Re-Tender C/MI/011/2024-25 Dt: 28.08.2024
Estimated amount	**₹ 7.83 Lakhs**	**₹ 5.17 Lakhs**
Period of completion	**12 Months**	**1 Month**
Sale Period	**From 28.08.2024 to 06.09.2024**	**From 28.08.2024 to 06.09.2024**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**₹ 15,660/-**	**₹ 10,340/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer **www.tenderwizard. com/ISRO.** Also detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website **www.isro.gov.in, www.lpsc.gov.in**

Sd/- Head CMD LPSC (B)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has agreed to entered Joint Development Agreement the property more fully described in the schedule herein below from **Sri. RAMESH B. GOWDA,** S/o. Sri. Bomme Gowda, **Smt. RAMYA. G.C W/o. Sri. Ramesh B Gowda, Sri. VED RAMESH,** S/o. Sri. Ramesh B Gowda all are Residing at: No. 325/1, 14th Main, 5th Cross, R.M.V. Extension Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560 080, the schedule property having been acquired by Sri. Ramesh B Gowda, Smt. Ramya .G.C and Mr. Ved Ramesh, for a valuable consideration under a Registered Absolute Sale Deed dated : 22-05-2004, 10-03-2005, 30-08-2006, 19-07-2007 and 30-12-2023, succeeded the schedule property.

Any person having any right/claim over the schedule property or any portion thereof in any manner may lodge his/her/their claim/objection in writing to the undersigned within 15 days hereof along with copies of all the documents being relied upon, as otherwise my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule properties as if there are no claims/objections from any person/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural land bearing **Survey No. 60/2** measuring 2 Acres 0-05 **Guntas** (excluding 1 Guntas of Kharab land) situated at MAVALLIPURA Village, Hesaragtta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on the; East by : Anjaneyaswamy Temple's Inam Land, West by : Pappaiyya's Land, North b : Sy No. 61/1 (Part of 61 as per RTC) of Mavallipuara Village, South by : Narayanaswamappa's Land.

Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural land bearing **Survey No. 62/1** measuring **0-19 Guntas** (excluding 1.25 Guntas of Kharab land)situated at MAVALLIPURA Village, Hesaragtta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on the; East by : 12 feet Road, West by : 25 feet Road, North by : Chinnappaiah's Property and 25 feet Road, South by : Perumal's Property.

Item No.3 : All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural land bearing **Survey No.61/5** (old Sy.No.61) measuring 3 Acres 0-13 Guntas situated at MAVALLIPURA Village, Hesaragtta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on the; East by : Anjaneyaswamy Temple's Inam Land, West by : Pappaiyya's Land, North by : Pappaiyya's Land, South by : Sy No.60/2 of Mavallipura Village.

Item No.4 : All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural land bearing **Survey Survey No.57** measuring 1 Acre 0-12 Guntas situated at MAVALLIPURA Village, Hesaragtta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on the; East by : The Property of Sri.Narayanaswamy, West by : The Property of the Ramesh B Gowda, North by : The Property of the Ramesh B Gowda, South by : The Property of the Sri.B.R. Nanjundappa.

Item No.5 : All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural land bearing **Survey No.62/7** (old Sy.No.62/1) measuring 0-24.75 Guntas (excluding 2.75 Guntas of Kharab land), situated at MAVALLIPURA Village, Hesaragtta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on the; East by : Mavallipura Gramatana, West by : Jayasimhas Land, North by : Munivenkatappa's Land, South by : Ramesh B Gowda's Land.

Item No.6: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural land bearing **Survey No.60/5** (old Sy.No.60/2) measuring 1 Acres 0-36 Guntas (excluding 10 Guntas of Kharab land), situated at MAVALLIPURA Village, Hesaragtta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on the; East by : Ramesh B Gowda's Land, West by : Gajalakshmamma Land, North by : Narasama's Land, South by : Nanjundappa Land

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No.-PR/69/AA/Part-XIII/24 Date 27.08.2024

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PRO/BLW/01 **Chief Public Relations Officer, BLW**

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BANGKOK

Thailand has suffered a 'judicial coup', says opposition leader

AFP

Natthaphong Ruengpanyawut, Thailand's main opposition leader, accused judges of mounting a "judicial coup", after court rulings ousted the kingdom's Prime Minister and dissolved its most popular party. The Constitutional Court disbanded the Move Forward Party earlier this month and banned its leaders from politics. AFP

STOCKHOLM

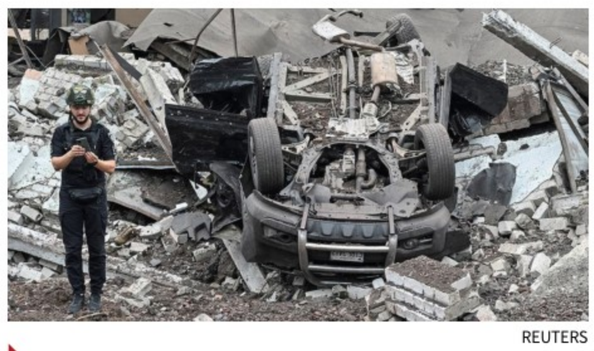
Two charged with hate crime for burning Koran in Sweden in 2023

AP

Swedish prosecutors charged two men with inciting ethnic hatred over several protests involving the burning of the Koran in 2023, which sparked widespread outrage in Muslim countries. Salwan Momika and Salwan Najem were charged with "agitation against an ethnic group" on four occasions in the summer of 2023. AFP

KYIV

Six killed in east Ukraine as Russia captures yet another settlement



REUTERS

Russian bombardments on the eastern Ukraine region of Donetsk killed six persons on Wednesday. The industrial region has suffered the worst fighting of Russia's invasion. Meanwhile, Russia's Defence Ministry said on Wednesday that its forces had taken another settlement, some 20 km from the logistics hub of Pokrovsk. AFP

TEHRAN

Filmmaker, daughter indicted in Iran for appearing without veil

AFP

Iran indicted Rakhshan Banietemad and her daughter, the actress Baran Kosari with violating the Islamic dress code by appearing in public without the veil. Banietemad, 70, is one of Iran's first female screenwriters and film directors and has received awards at the Tehran Fajr film festival, the country's largest. AFP

Dhaka to probe forced disappearance by troops

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Bangladesh's new authorities on Wednesday opened an investigation into hundreds of enforced disappearances by security forces during the rule of ousted Premier Sheikh Hasina, the government said.

It includes the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) paramilitary force, accused of numerous rights abuses, and which was sanctioned by the U.S. for its role in extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances.

Human Rights Watch last year said security forces had committed "over 600 enforced disappearances" since Ms. Hasina came to power in 2009, and nearly 100 remain unaccounted for.

Bangladesh lifts ban on Jamaat, its student wing, 'all associated units'

The Government did not find any definite link between terrorism and the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, said the Interior Ministry; Shafiqur Rahman, the group's leader, urges media to view the organisation from an 'impartial point of view'

Kallol Bhattacherjee
DHAKA

The interim government of Bangladesh on Wednesday lifted the ban on the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, its student wing, Islami Chhatrashibir, and "all associated organisations". The announcement came in a notification from the Interior Ministry of the government, which was preceded by a press conference by the Emir of Jamaat-e-Islami, Shafiqur Rahman, who praised the freedom fighters who freed Bangladesh from the rule of Pakistan in 1971. The end of the ban has opened the political landscape of Bangladesh to the Islamist party.

Reversing damage: The ban of Jamaat-e-Islami was one of the last actions by the Sheikh Hasina government that fell on August 5. PTI

"The Government did not find any definite link between terrorism and the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, its student wing Islami Chhatrashibir and all other associate units of the organisation. Therefore, the government believes that the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, Islami Chhatrashibir and all other associate units of the Jamaat are not involved in acts of terrorism," declared the notification issued by the Interior Ministry. The lifting of the ban would enable the organisation to participate in the political process of Bangladesh.

The ban was one of the last actions by the Sheikh Hasina government that fell on August 5. Ever since, the Jamaat has been conducting its activities openly, operating from their office in old Dhaka's Moghbazar neighbourhood.

Conciliatory tone

Earlier in the day, Mr. Rahman met journalists and senior editors based in Dhaka and struck a conciliatory tone about the interim government. "During the years under East Pakistan, our Bangladesh was part of Pakistan, we were discriminated against. We remember the freedom fighters of 1971 who helped us attain freedom. I pay my respects to them," he said.

"Politics will determine the course of our country. We all have tried from our respective positions to address the aspirations of the people. But I want to say respectfully that so far we did not succeed in addressing those challenges," Mr. Rahman said while urging the media to view the JeI Bangladesh from an "impartial point of view".

Israel's large-scale military operation in West Bank kills nine

Associated Press
AL-FARAA REFUGEE CAMP

Israeli troops surround Jenin, blocking exit and entry points and access to hospitals

Israel launched a large-scale military operation in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday, with its forces killing at least nine Palestinians and sealing off the volatile city of Jenin, according to Palestinian officials.

Israel has carried out near-daily raids across the West Bank since Hamas's October 7 attack out of Gaza triggered the ongoing war there. Israel says it is rooting out militants to prevent attacks on its citizens, while Palestinians in the West Bank fear it intends to broaden the war and forcibly displace more of them.

Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani, an Israeli military spokesman, said "large forces" had entered Jenin, long a militant stronghold, as well as Tulkarem and the al-Faraa refugee camp dating back to the 1948 West Asia war, all in the northern West Bank.

Palestinian militant groups said they were exchanging fire with Israeli troops. The governor of Jenin, Kamal Abu al-Rub, said that Israeli forces had surrounded the city, blocking exit and entry points and access to hospitals, and ripping up infrastructure in the camp.

China warns U.S. over supporting Philippines in South China Sea

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China's top diplomat Wang Yi on Wednesday warned visiting U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan over supporting the Philippines in the disputed South China Sea.

"The United States must not use bilateral treaties as an excuse to undermine China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, nor should it support or condone the Philippines's actions of infringement," Mr. Wang told Mr. Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan landed in the Chinese capital on Tuesday for a three-day trip, saying on arrival he looked forward to "a very productive round of conversations" with Foreign Minister Mr. Wang.

Washington's allies Japan and the Philippines have blamed China in the past week for raising regional tensions, with Tokyo accusing Beijing of violating its airspace and Manila calling it the "biggest disrupter" of peace in Southeast Asia. Mr. Wang told Mr. Sullivan that "China is firmly committed to safeguarding its territorial sovereignty and maritime rights over the South China Sea islands".

Meanwhile, Adm. Samuel Paparo, the head of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command said on Tuesday that the U.S. military is open to consultations about escorting Philippine ships in the disputed South China Sea.

The remarks, which he made in response to a question during a news conference in Manila with Philippine Armed Forces chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr., provided a glimpse of the mindset of one of the highest American military commanders outside the U.S. mainland on a prospective operation that would risk putting U.S. Navy ships in direct collisions with those of China.

Afghan women sing to protest ban on voices

Agence France-Presse
KABUL

In response to a new law announced by the Taliban regime last week, prohibiting women from raising their voices in public, Afghan women have posted videos on social media of them singing, along with hashtags such as "My voice is not forbidden" and "No to Taliban".

The law ruled that women's faces, bodies and voices should be "covered" outside the home, among 35 other articles dictating behaviour and lifestyle.

South Korea committed to active role in 'establishing new norms,' says envoy

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

South Korea has embarked on its journey to become a "global pivotal state" and is committed to playing an active role in "establishing new norms" by participating in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) and fostering cooperation with the Quad, South Korean envoy Chang Jae-Bok said on Wednesday. He noted that India is strengthening connections with regional partners through initiatives such as the Quad while also "maintaining its defence industry cooperation with Russia".

Chang Jae-Bok

"India, as the world's largest democracy and a rapidly growing economy, is solidifying its position as a global power. Under its G20 presidency, India prioritised amplifying the voice of the Global South and demonstrated proactive leadership," Mr. Chang said, speaking at the inaugural event of the Korea-India Track 1.5 forum, hosted by the South Korean Embassy in collaboration with Ananta Centre.

"India has also been strengthening connections with regional partners through initiatives such as the Quad in the Indo-Pacific and the I2U2 in the Middle East, while carefully maintaining its defence industry cooperation with Russia."

South Korea is in the past expressed desire to join the Quad grouping comprising India, Australia, Japan and the U.S., though officials from the grouping have clarified that there was no plan for expansion at the moment.

Immense potential

Terming the India-South Korea relationship one which has immense potential, Jaideep Mazumdar, Secretary East in the Ministry of External Affairs, said the relationship can be an an anchor for peace and stability and prosperity and to help both actors navigate the sea of global uncertainty.

"We have attained a level of comfort and trust in our defence cooperation whether through high level exchanges, staff talks, joint research and development or joint production and transfer of technology," he said talking of defence cooperation. He added that there is an appreciation on both sides of key sensitivities as well as healthy exchange of information on the prevailing regional security environment.

Noting that the U.S. Indo-Pacific strategy has shifted from a traditional "hub-and-spoke" alliance system to a "lattice-like" strategic architecture, the envoy said solidarity among like-minded nations has become "essential", as security issues in one country can have far-reaching global implications.

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Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_126174_1 for the work of Collection & Preparation of Coal & biomass pelettes, Collection of Ash, Gas, Oil, Pollution monitoring samples and other Miscellaneous works of D. M. Plant at GGSSTP, Rupnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 27.08.2024/ 05:00 PM onwards.
Note: - Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in
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Civil Engineering Department
Tuticorin - 628 004.
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

#	Name of the work	Estimated cost Put to tender value (Amount in INR)	Cost of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Amount in INR)	Online Tender opening date
1	Rehabilitation of damaged structural elements of Coal Jetty – II in VOC Port	2,02,37,785	4,05,000	19.09.2024

Note: For eligible tenderers, downloading of bid documents from the NIC e-tendering website:
i) https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app
ii) https://www.vocport.gov.in

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EOI NOTICE
Expression of Interest (EOI) is invited for allotment of 17.41 ha (43 acres) of Port land in the backup area of MULT jetty at Puthuvypeen for setting up of Tank Farms for 30 years.
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Cochin 28.08.2024
Sd/- SECRETARY
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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, 2nd Floor
Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009.
IFT No.: BWSSB/EIC/ACE(UFW)/TA/3057/2024-25 **Date: 27.08.2024**
INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through KPP-Portal) - 3rd Call
BWSSB, invites tender in two stage tender system from eligible contractors for the work of **Maintenance of EMF Flowmeter installed in various locations and its allied works coming under AEE (UFW)-2 Sub Division.**
Amount put to tender: Rs.165.32 Lakhs. EMD: Rs.2.5 Lakhs.
Last date and time for receipt of tenders will be on **04.09.2024 upto 16:00 hrs**. The Tenders will be opened on **05.09.2024 at 16:05 hrs**.
The Details regarding the tender participation in the e-Procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during the working hours.
Sd/-
Engineer-in-Chief
DIPR/CP/BCPL/1703/2024-25

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
Expression Of Interest (EOI) is invited from reputed Diagnostic Centers/ Hospitals/ Tele Radiology Service firms for Empanelment of Tele- Radiology Reporting Panel at Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery. The Last date for receipt of EOI is 10.09.2024 at 03.00P.M.
Details are available in www.mcc.kerala.gov.in **Sd/-Director**

Out.No./141/2024 **Date.28/08/2024**
Pimpalner Municipal Council, Pimpalner
Tal. Sakri, Dist. Dhule
E-Tender Notice No.4/2024-25
The Administrator, Pimpalner Municipal Council, Pimpalner is inviting Online tenders in B-1 form for Construction of Concrete Road Works from any competent contractor of Public Works Department who is fulfilling terms and conditions of tender through e-tender system (online).
The above tender notice includes 1 (one) work and the complete information of this tender and the tender form is available for downloading from 10.00 am on 29/08/2024 to 15.00 pm on 06/09/2024 on http://mahatenders.gov.in website.
The pre-tender meeting regarding the said works will be held on 30/08/2024 at 15.00 in the afternoon at the office of Administrator, Municipal Council Pimpalner. The tender for the said work will be opened on 09/09/2024 at 11.00 am in the office of Administrator, Municipal Council Pimpalner if possible.
The detailed tender is available on the website http://mahatenders.gov.in. Also on the notice board in the office of Administrator Municipal Council Pimpalner.
(Tejas Lade) City Engineer Municipal Council Pimpalner
(Dipak Patil) Administrator Municipal Council Pimpalner

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Yalahanka Zone)
Amruthahalli, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore -560092.
No: SADH(YLK)TENDER/04/2024-25 **Dated: 28.08.2024**
LETTER OF INVITATION TENDER NOTIFICATION
(SHORT TERM) (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)
Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (Yalahanka), (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders to Implement in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies/Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour department for Work.
The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract (standard tender document KW-4).

S.N.	Name of the work
1	Development of New Parks by horticulture department with emphasis on Greenery all along the park by identifying hotspot area around such parks in Yelahanka Zone under Package - 1. **(Call-2). Amount put to tender :** Rs.7,07,16,987/- (Excluding GST). **EMD:** Rs.10,61,000/-.

Calendar of events as follows: 1) Date of Notification : 28-08-2024. 2) Tender can be downloaded from : 30-08-2024 3) Pre bid Meeting : 05-09-2024 at 11.30 AM. 4) Tender Closing Date: 10-09-2024 at 04.30 PM. 5) Technical bid opening date : 11-09-2024 at 04.30 PM. 6) Financially bid opening date : After Approval of Technical bid.
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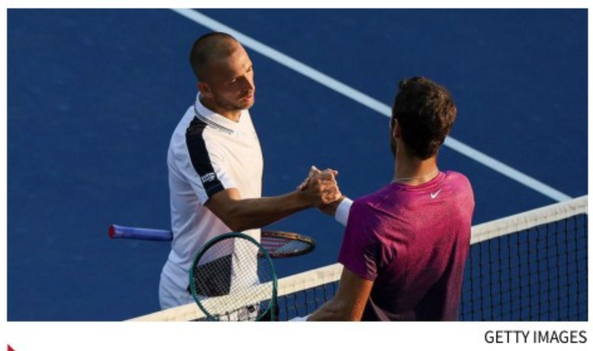
US OPEN RECORD

Evans and Khachanov's five-hour 35-minute epic the longest duel



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Daniel Evans rallied from 0-4 down in the final set to beat Karen Khachanov in the longest match in US Open history on Tuesday, a five-hour, 35-minute epic on court six. The previous longest US Open match was Stefan Edberg's victory over Michael Chang in the 1992 semifinals, which lasted five hours and 26 minutes.

FULL STOP

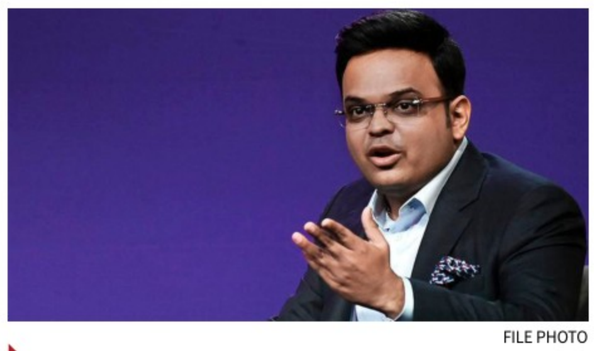
Dawid Malan announces retirement from international cricket

FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

Dawid Malan, the former top-ranked T20I batter who scored centuries for England in all formats, has announced his retirement from international cricket. Malan said he exceeded expectations with his success in the white-ball game but was disappointed that he couldn't handle the intensity of Test cricket.

FOCUS

Will ensure Test cricket remains priority: ICC chairman Jay Shah



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Newly-elected ICC chairman Jay Shah says he will look to ensure that Test cricket forms the "bedrock" of the game in his tenure during which he will also try to "dismantle barriers that have hindered cricket's progress". "While the T20 is a naturally exciting format, it is equally important that Test cricket remains a priority for everyone," Shah said.

SERIES SWEEP

Hope, Pooran and Shepherd shine as West Indies makes it 3-0

AFP

Nicholas Pooran blasted 35 off 13 balls to lead the West Indies to an eight-wicket win over South Africa in the third T20I and make it 3-0. **The scores**: South Africa 108/4 in 13 overs (Stubbs 40, Shepherd 2/14) lost to West Indies 116/2 in 9.2 overs (Hope 42 n.o., Pooran 35). **Toss:** West Indies; **PoM**: Shepherd; **PoS:** Hope.

Osaka registers her first top-10 win in four years

Sinner fights back from a set down to get past McDonald; Alcaraz recovers from a second set blip against Tu; Tsitsipas, who has never made the second week in New York, stunned by Kokkinakis

US OPEN

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz survived US Open first round wobbles on Tuesday to stay on course for a semifinal showdown as two-time champion Naomi Osaka made a tearful and colourful return to Flushing Meadows.

World No. 1 Sinner fought back from a set and break down to defeat 140th-ranked Mackenzie McDonald in his first match since being embroiled in a doping test controversy.

Alcaraz, the third seed and 2022 champion in New York, overcame a second set blip to defeat 186th-ranked qualifier Li Tu of Australia 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Italian Sinner battled to a 2-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2 win over American opponent McDonald on Arthur Ashe Stadium, racing away with 18 of the last 22 games.

Naomi Osaka, who missed last year's tournament after giving birth to her daughter Shai, stunned 10th seed Jelena Ostapenko.

Former World No. 1 Osaka, now ranked 88, came through 6-3, 6-2 for her first top 10 win in four years.

The Japanese star crunched nine aces in her 19 winners and committed just five unforced errors to her opponent's 21.

Her tennis was as striking as her outfit. Osaka arrived on court with a brightly-coloured, giant bow on the back of her jacket and a frilly skirt over her playing dress.

Emotional win: Former World No. 1 Osaka, now ranked 88th, stunned 10th seed Jelena Ostapenko in straight sets. REUTERS

To complete the ensemble, the 26-year-old attached small bows to the heels of both shoes.

"Last year I was watching Coco (Gauff) play and I so badly wanted to step on these courts again," said a tearful Osaka, a four-time major winner.

"I didn't know if I could ... just to win this match and just to be in this atmosphere means so much to me."

Fifth-seeded Daniil Medvedev, who shattered Novak Djokovic's dream of a calendar Grand Slam by claiming the 2021 US Open, went through with a four-set victory over Dujan Lajovic.

Greek 11th seed Stefanos Tsitsipas, who has never made the second week at the tournament, was stunned 7-6(5), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 by Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis.

IMPORTANT RESULTS

Men: Second round: 9-Dimitrov (Bul) bt Hijikata (Aus) 6-1, 6-1, 7-6(4); Griekspoor (Ned) bt 21-Baez (Arg) 6-1, 2-0, ret.; Nakashima (USA) bt Cazaux (Fra) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; 32-Lehecka (Cze) bt Krueger (USA) 6-7(5), 0-6, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5. **First round**: 25-Draper (GBr) bt Zhang (Chi) 6-3, 6-0, 4-0, ret; Kokkinakis (Aus) bt 11-Tsitsipas (Gre) 7-6(5), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; 1-Sinner (Ita) bt McDonald (USA) 2-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2; 5-Medvedev (Rus) bt Lajovic (Srb) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; 24-Fils (Fra) bt Tien (USA) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; 10-de Minaur (Aus) bt Giron (USA) 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; Evans (GBr) bt 23-Khachanov (Rus) 6-7(6), 7-6(2), 7-6(4), 4-6, 6-4; 16-Korda (USA) bt Moutet (Fra) 7-6(3), 6-1, 6-0; O'Connell (Aus) bt 26-Jarry (Chi) 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; 3-Alcaraz (Esp) bt Tu (Aus) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; 14-Paul (USA) bt Sonego (Ita) 6-4, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2. **Doubles:** Bhambri (Ind) & Olivetti (Fra) bt Seggerman & Trhac (USA) 6-3, 6-4.
Women: **Second round**: Mertens (Bel) bt Tomljanovic (Aus) 6-3, 6-2; Niemeier (Ger) bt Uchijima (Jpn) 6-4, 6-0; 26-Badosa (Esp) bt Townsend (USA) 6-3, 7-5; Ruse (Rou) bt 8-Krejcikova (Cze) 6-4, 7-5; 14-Keys (USA) bt Joint (Aus) 6-4, 6-0. **First round**: Osaka (Jpn) bt 10-Ostapenko (Lat) 6-3, 6-2; 21-Mirra Andreeva (Rus) bt Osorio (Col) 6-2, 7-6(4); Zarazua (Mex) bt 28-Garcia (Fra) 6-1, 6-4; 15-Kalinskaya (Rus) bt Davis (USA) 6-2, 6-2; 4-Rybakina (Kaz) bt Aiava (Aus) 6-1, 7-6(1); 18-Shnaider (Rus) bt Podoroska (Arg) 6-0, 6-1; 15-Samsonova (Rus) bt Wang (Chn) 6-2, 7-5; 22-Haddad Maia (Bra) bt Avanesyan (Rus) 4-6, 6-0, 6-2; 5-Paolini (Ita) bt Andreescu (Can) 6-7(5), 6-2, 6-4; 6-Pegula (USA) bt Rogers (USA) 6-4, 6-3.

Fallen seeds
Men: 21-Baez, 11-Tsitsipas, 23-Khachanov, 26-Jarry
Women: 8-Krejcikova, 10-Ostapenko, 28-Garcia, 23-Fernandez

The Paralympics opens in the City of Light

Marching on: Sumit and Bhagyashri lead the Indian contingent at the Opening Ceremony. GETTY IMAGES

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

The Opening Ceremony of the Paris Paralympics got underway on Wednesday in the centre of the French capital, firing the starting gun on 11 days of competition.

Just as for the Opening Ceremony of the Olympics on the River Seine in July, it took place away from the main stadium for the first time at a Paralympics.

In balmy weather – in contrast to the heavy rain which blighted the opening of the Olympics on July 26 – the Games opened in Place de la Concorde, in the presence of French President Emmanuel Macron.

When the sporting action begins on Thursday, a new generation of Paralympians will join seasoned veterans competing in many of the same venues that hosted Olympic sports.

A total of 18 of the 35 Olympic venues will be used for the Paralympics, which run until September 8, including the Grand Palais which scored rave reviews for its hosting of the fencing and taekwondo under an ornate roof.

The Paralympic flame was lit at Stoke Mandeville hospital in England, the birthplace of the Games, and brought to France through the Channel Tunnel before touring French cities.

Theatre director Thomas Jolly, who also oversaw the Olympics Opening Ceremony, said there was a deep symbolism in having the Paralympics ceremony in the centre of the French capital – a city whose Metro system, in particular, is not suitable to the needs of the wheelchair users.

"Putting Paralympic athletes in the heart of the city is already a political marker in the sense that the city is not sufficiently adapted to every handicapped person," Jolly said earlier this week. Organisers say wheelchair users can take Paris buses and they will have 1,000 specially adapted taxis as well.

International Paralympic Committee president Andrew Parsons said earlier this year that he hopes the Paris edition will restore the issues facing disabled people to the top of the list of global priorities.

Parsons believes the Games "will have a big impact on how people with disability are perceived around the world".

Zaheer. ANI

Building blocks in place at LSG, says new mentor Zaheer Khan

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

While looking to reset the squad in the upcoming IPL mega auction, Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) on Wednesday named Zaheer Khan as the mentor.

LSG owner Sanjiv Goenka hired Zaheer during the last two weeks. "We are very excited to have him on board. We do believe he will do wonders for the future of LSG," said Goenka at a press conference here.

Zaheer said even though LSG was a young franchise with three years of existence, "the building blocks" were in place. "The consistency you see in reaching the playoffs is something which is tough in this fierce competition.

"I'll make sure each and every individual express themselves freely, and bring lot of victories to the franchise and the decision making which is crucial.

"I think those are the aspects which we'll be closely looking at. I'm hoping to build that mindset to (help it) go to the next level," said Zaheer, who would be the bowling coach.

Sathiyan's star act makes Delhi feel at home

UTT

Amol Karhadkar
CHENNAI

It is a franchise from the National capital, but thanks to its captain G. Sathiyan, Dabang Delhi T.T.C. has the 'home' advantage in Chennai.

The local hero finally found his rhythm and range to lead his team to its maiden victory in Season 5 of the Ultimate Table Tennis league.

Riding on Sathiyan's heroics, the Delhi franchise outlasted defending champion Athlead Goa Challengers 9-6 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium on Wednesday and rose to the second spot in the table.

Sathiyan set the tone by overcoming veteran Mihai Bobocica in an intense and entertaining first rubber.

While the Italian's forehand top-spin shots were a treat to watch, Sathiyan created a wall with his backhand blocks.

Perfect gift: Sathiyan celebrated his wife's birthday by winning both his matches. R. RAVINDRAN

The 18th point of the opening game – a 23-shot rally – left the audience spellbound before Sathiyan missed a forehand top-spin shot and handed Bobocica a game point.

After conceding the opening game, Sathiyan played closer to the table from the forehand corner and upped the ante to rattle Bobocica.

Additional motivation

Apart from giving Dabang the lead, Sathiyan had additional motivation: give his wife Subhiksha, who was watching the proceedings from the gallery, a perfect birthday gift.

After prevailing over Bobocica, he teamed up with Orawan Paranang to win the mixed doubles contest against Harmeet Desai and Yangzi Liu.

With the skipper on fire, his teammates were inspired and Dabang lost just one of the five matches.

In fact, Orawan (first women's singles) and Diya Chitale (final women's singles) converted golden points against Yangzi and Yashaswini Ghorpade to underline Delhi's domination.

A study in contrast

While the win improved Dabang's chances of progressing to the knockouts, Challengers have a tough task in the remaining two matches to keep their title defence alive.

The results:

Dabang Delhi TTC bt Athlead Goa Challengers 9-6 (G. Sathiyan bt Mihai Bobocica 8-11, 11-9, 11-9; Orawan Paranang bt Yangzi Liu 11-7, 11-10, 6-11; Sathiyan & Orawan bt Harmeet Desai & Yangzi Liu 11-7, 11-4, 7-11; Andreas Levenko lost to Harmeet 11-7, 8-11, 9-11; Diya Chitale bt Yashaswani Ghorpade 11-10, 11-6, 3-11).

Natasha surmounts Narucha's challenge to triumph

SNOOKER

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Natasha Chethan held her nerve to overcome Thailand's Narucha Phoemphul in the final of the IBSF World under-21 women's snooker championship at KSBA here on Wednesday.

Home favourite Natasha, who claimed her first World title, prevailed in a scrappy encounter dominated by long phases of safety play.

The match came down to the deciding fifth frame, when Natasha moved five points ahead by potting the brown and blue. The Bengaluru teenager took on the double for the pink, but missed the shot.

Narucha fluffed a regulation pot on the pink, and sank to the ground in despair. Natasha was thrilled to be back on the table to wrap up the match.

Natasha...mission accomplished. K. MURALI KUMAR

"I prayed to all the Gods, and my prayers were answered," Natasha said on the tense finish.

The big occasion, in general, stifled both players' attacking instincts. Potting, break building and positional play took a back seat. The slow burner lasted three hours and 40 minutes.

Narucha had made a bright start to the outing, recording a sharp 31-break to take the first frame.

Under-21 results: Women: Final: Natasha Chethan bt Narucha Phoemphul (Tha) 21-67, 60-41, 67-45, 10-81, 45-34.
Men: Group stage: Aarav Sancheti bt Bhavya Pipaliya 80-26, 56-62, 89-50, 31-54, 83-64; Seyed Arsalan Bagheri (Irn) bt Rahul Williams 25-61, 60-61, 77-22, 86-1, 76-4; Joel Fandrei (Ger) bt Zubin Zaheer 0-91, 60-36, 75-47, 77-48; Ranveer Duggal bt Shahin Sabzi (Irn) 59-55, 13-52, 17-50, 73-50, 62-21; Zac Cosker (Wal) bt Sham Alwin 81-2, 106-18, 77-18.

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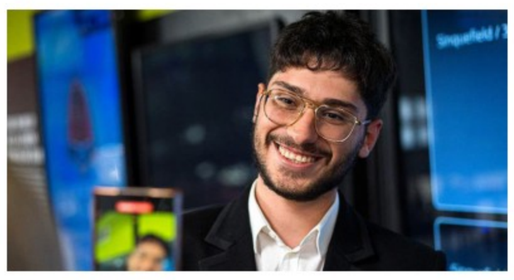

Eighth draw for Gukesh and Pragg; Firouzja wins GCT

D. Gukesh and R. Praggnanadhaa played out their eighth draw in as many games at the Sinquefield Cup in St. Louis. While Gukesh signed peace with Anish Giri in just 23 moves, Praggnanadhaa drew with local favourite Fabiano Caruana in 28 moves. Alireza Firouzja of France won the Grand Chess Tour (GCT) with a round to spare and became entitled to a $100,000 bonus. Firouzja took his tally to 5.5 points and Caruana is the only player who can catch him if Firouzja loses to Pragg and the American beats Giri.

India's campaign ends at Korea Open badminton

Ashmita Chaliha, Malvika Bansod and Aakarshi Kashyap bowed out in the opening round of the Korea Open super 500 badminton in Seoul on Wednesday. While Ashmita lost to Pornpawee Chochuwong 21-8, 21-13, Aakarshi went down 21-15, 21-15 to Denmark's Line Christophersen. World No. 41 Malvika was ousted 18-21, 21-15, 21-17 by Line Hojmark Kjaersfeldt of Denmark.

Yash Dhull makes return from minor heart surgery

Yash Dhull, who captained India to the 2022 U-19 World Cup triumph, has returned to competitive cricket after undergoing a minor heart surgery. Rajesh Nagar, Dhull's coach for more than a decade, told *PTI* that the top-order batter went under the knife in the first half of July. The coach revealed that it was during the U-23 high performance camp at the NCA, a small hole was detected in Dhull's heart when routine scans were conducted. Dhull is currently playing for Central Delhi Kings in the inaugural Delhi Premier League.

Colapinto replaces Sargeant at Williams for rest of season

Argentine Franco Colapinto will replace American Logan Sargeant at Williams from this weekend's Italian Grand Prix and for the rest of the Formula One season, the British team announced on Tuesday. The 21-year-old Formula Two driver is a member of the Williams Academy and made his Friday practice F1 debut with the former champion at the British Grand Prix in July. He will be the first Argentine Formula One driver in 23 years and just the second to race for Williams after the late Carlos Reutemann, who retired in 1982. Sargeant, 23, has failed to score a point in 15 races this season.

LIVE TELECAST

Paralympics: JioCinema, 12.40 p.m. onwards
KSCA Maharaja T20 Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 3 & 7 p.m.
England vs Sri Lanka: 2nd Test, day 1, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Tennis: US Open, Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30, 10.30 p.m. & 4.30 a.m. (Friday)
LaLiga: gxr.world, 1 a.m. (Friday)

Warriors thunder to a six-wicket win over Dragons

Skipper Karun Nair in prime form yet again as the Mysore teams ends its group campaign on 12 points from 10 matches; Blasters also post a similar result against Shivamogga

Manic knock: Karun smacked six boundaries and four sixes in Warriors' chase.

MAHARAJA TROPHY

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Mysore Warriors ended its group stage campaign in the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament with a fine six-wicket win over Mangalore Dragons at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Wednesday. Warriors ended on 12 points from 10 matches and have already qualified for the semifinals.

On the day, the Karun Nair-led side opted to bowl first and restricted the Dragons to 178 for nine, with C.A. Karthik, K. Gowtham and Manoj Bhandage claiming two wickets each. Tushar Singh and K.V. Siddharth scored 43 and 50 runs each but not at breakneck pace.

Lochan Gowda and M.B. Darshan tried to up the scoring rate and were partly successful, with the former accumulating 25 runs from 15 balls (1x4, 2x6) and the latter 18 runs from eight (1x4, 2x6). But it wasn't enough as the Warriors chased the target down with eight balls to spare.

Big stand

Opener S.U. Karthik came up with a not-so-spectacular 69 (52b, 7x4, 2x6) before the in-form Karun took centre-stage with another manic knock (64, 31b, 6x4, 4x6). Karthik and Karun put on 107 runs for the second wicket off just 57 balls, a partnership that tamed the Dragons.

The scores: Mangalore Dragons 178 for nine in 20 overs (Tushar Singh 43, K.V. Siddharth 50, Lochan Gowda 25) lost to Mysore Warriors 179 for four in 18.4 overs (S.U. Karthik 69, Karun Nair 64).

Shivamogga Lions 227 for five in 20 overs (B.A. Mohit 56, Abhinav Manohar 59 n.o., Rohan Naveen 45) lost to Bengaluru Blasters 228 for four in 19 overs (Mayank Agarwal 33, Shubhang Hegde 85 n.o., Suraj Ahuja 82 n.o.).

TNCA XI spinners have Mumbai batters in a bind

BUCHI BABU

Sankar Narayanan E.H.
COIMBATORE

Host TNCA XI gained a significant advantage as it restricted Mumbai to 141 for eight at stumps on a day when spinners ruled the roost in a Buchi Babu fixture at the Sri Ramakrishna College Cricket Ground here on Wednesday.

Even though the visitor's Himanshu Singh (five for 81) had the best returns among the tweakers, it was the TNCA XI's spin-trio of S. Ajith Ram (two for 29), S. Lakshay Jain (three for 30), and R. Sai Kishore (three for 30) that hunted like a pack after the side was dismissed for 379 just before lunch.

The first session started with Himanshu wreaking havoc over the TNCA XI lower-middle order.

The off-spinner removed R. Sonu Yadav, Sai Kishore and danger-man Boopathi Vaishna Kumar (82, 146b, 9x4) in quick succession to peg back the host – which started at 294 for five – to 315 for eight.

However, Ajith Ram swung the match in TNCA XI's favour by unleashing his sweeps, scoring a quick-fire half-century (53, 69b, 7x4), and taking the total close to 400.

Lakshay and Sai Kishore. M. PERIASAMY

The scores (round three, day two): At Coimbatore: TNCA XI 379 in 117.3 overs (Pradosh 65, Indrajith 61, Boopathi 82, Ajith 53, Himanshu 5/81) vs. Mumbai 141/8 in 59.1 overs (Divyansh 61 batting).

At Dindigul: Baroda 327 in 106.4 overs (Shaswat Rawat 41, Vishnu Solanki 52, Ninad Rathva 105, Gagandeep Singh 6/84) vs Chhattisgarh 214/2 in 66 overs (Ayush Pandey 52, Anuj Tiwari 84 batting, Amandeep Khare 63 batting).

At Tirunelveli: Madhya Pradesh 207 vs Hyderabad 439/5 in 103 overs (M. Abhirath 211, Hima Teja 50).

At Salem: Gujarat 371 in 109.4 overs (Kshitij Patel 62, Jaymeet Patel 144, Dhrushant Soni 44, M. Siddharth 6/76) & 6/2 in 4 overs vs. TNCA President's XI 211 in 61.4 overs (S. Mohamed Ali 56, C. Andre Siddarth 55 n.o., Siddharth Desai 6/61).

Sai Kishore wins the first round after friendly banter with Shreyas

Sankar Narayanan E.H.
COIMBATORE

"If you keep a long-off fielder from the first over, I will go over him," Shreyas Iyer had told R. Sai Kishore while the two were batting in adjacent nets on the eve of their Buchi Babu tournament match. "Go for it," the left-arm spinner was quick to reply. This friendly banter set up an exciting phase of play when Shreyas walked out to bat against Sai Kishore.

The TNCA XI skipper did not keep a conventional long-off. Rather, he strategically placed a fielder straight behind him on the boundary. The unorthodox approach bore fruit immediately as Shreyas' pull shot went straight to short midwicket.

The job was just half done... a certain Suryakumar Yadav arrived at the crease at No. 4.

The flamboyant batter brought out his trademark sweep shot in no time. The TNCA XI captain gave himself protection on the leg side to keep the Mumbai batter at bay.

Mr. 360, though, did not have any difficulty in working the angles as he went on to access the straight and cover boundaries off Achyuth before playing an exquisite inside-out shot over mid-off for a maximum off Sai Kishore.

Strategic placement: Sai Kishore's ploy of keeping an unorthodox long-off fielder paid off immediately. M. PERIASAMY

Realising that Suryakumar was running away with the game (78.95 strike rate), Sai Kishore brought on fellow left-arm tweaker S. Ajith Ram – who had bowled just two overs at the beginning of the innings – back into the attack.

This bowling change, too, clicked immediately as Suryakumar holed out to mid-on while attempting to go for another four.

"Suryakumar has too many shots. He can do sweeps, reverse sweeps and everything. I concentrated on my length, and it came out well," Ajith Ram said here on Wednesday.

While the brownie points went to Sai Kishore & Co. on day two, Shreyas and Suryakumar will be keen on settling the scores soon.

Paris heroes: The Indian team at SAI Bengaluru on Wednesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Indian hockey embarks on new Olympic cycle in post-Sreejesh era

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

The post-Sreejesh era began with the announcement of an 18-member squad for the Asian Champions Trophy on Wednesday as Hockey India (HI) named a mix of youth and experience for the upcoming tournament.

With 10 players from the side that won bronze at the Paris Olympics included, coach Craig Fulton has made it clear that ranking points were important and there would be no immediate large-scale experiments in personnel.

"This is an important campaign for us to ensure we build on our ranking points. The new Olympic cycle begins with this," Fulton said. "We have rested a few players and brought in youngsters who have done well in training and have earned the opportunity.

"I believe this is a great chance for youngsters to shine. We want to continue to dominate in Asia and go to retain the title," he added.

The ACT is scheduled from Sept. 8 to 17 in Hulunbuir, Inner Mongolia, with Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Japan and hosts China in the fray besides India.

The defending champion will begin against China followed by Japan, Malaysia, Korea and Pakistan.

The squad:

Goalkeepers: Krishan Pathak, Suraj Karkera; **Defenders:** Jarmanpreet Singh, Amit Rohidas, Harmanpreet Singh, Jugraj Singh, Sanjay, Sumit.

Midfielders: Raj Kumar Pal, Nilakanta Sharma, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Manpreet Singh, Mohd. Raheel Mouseen.

Forwards: Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh, Araijeet Singh Hundal, Uttam Singh, Gurjot Singh.

Olmo clinches Barca comeback win

LALIGA

Reuters
MADRID

Barcelona substitute Dani Olmo struck in the 82nd minute to grab a 2-1 comeback victory at Rayo Vallecano on Tuesday, as the table leader continued a perfect start with a third consecutive win.

Rayo took the lead with a strike by Unai Lopez in the ninth minute, but Barca was livelier after the break, with Pedri levelling from a counter attack in the 60th minute.

Impact player: Olmo, centre, celebrating his strike. AP

Olmo, making his debut for Barca after signing from RB Leipzig, scored the winner with a curling strike in the 82nd minute.

The results: Mallorca 0 drew with Sevilla 0.
Rayo Vallecano 1 (Lopez 9) lost to Barcelona 2 (Pedri 60, Olmo 82).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Maatru Pratishtana beats Bengaluru

Maatru Pratishtana defeated Bengaluru FC 3-1 in the Karnataka Women's League football here on Wednesday.

The results: Maatru Pratishtana FC 3 (Kalpana 11, Pushpa Devi 34, V.G. Lekhashri 59 bt BFC 1 (Ruthu Sreenandan 69).

Akaash in lead position

Akaash Ashok Kumar, with a total pinfall of 1319, was in lead position at the end of the first round of the Karnataka State-ranking tenpin bowling tournament being held here. R. Kishan (1247) is in second position while Surendra Babu (1154) and Prathyek Satya (1149) are in third and fourth positions respectively.

In the women's category, R. Chethana was top with 1012 pins, followed by Judy Alban (993) and J. Preemal (987).

Classical chess tournament

Champions Chess Academy will conduct a classical chess tournament on September 15 and 16. Entries close on September 13. For details, call Balakrishna Prabhu (98454 66416).

ILT20 keen to avoid date clash with other leagues: White

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

As they look forward to attracting more spectators to the UAE, the organisers of the International League T20 (ILT20) are open to having a new window in a bid to avoid a potential clash with other leagues across the globe.

While the third edition of the ILT20 is set to be held from January 11 to February 9 next year, the dates are likely to clash with the Big Bash League and potentially the SA20. However, the tournament CEO David White indicated that going forward, things could change.

"Ideally, we would like a window where we have no clash with any other league. There is an opportunity maybe in February-March, just before the IPL, but nothing has been decided yet," White told *The Hindu*.

Taking lessons from the inaugural edition in 2023, where the crowd turnout was less, the organisers made sure things changed drastically last season.

"In season one, the crowds were poor and we made a conscious effort to drive more attendance," White said.

"So, in the second season, we had a 300% increase in crowds and we had about 200,000 people watch season two, including a crowd of 25,000 for the final. That's a big lesson...," he added.